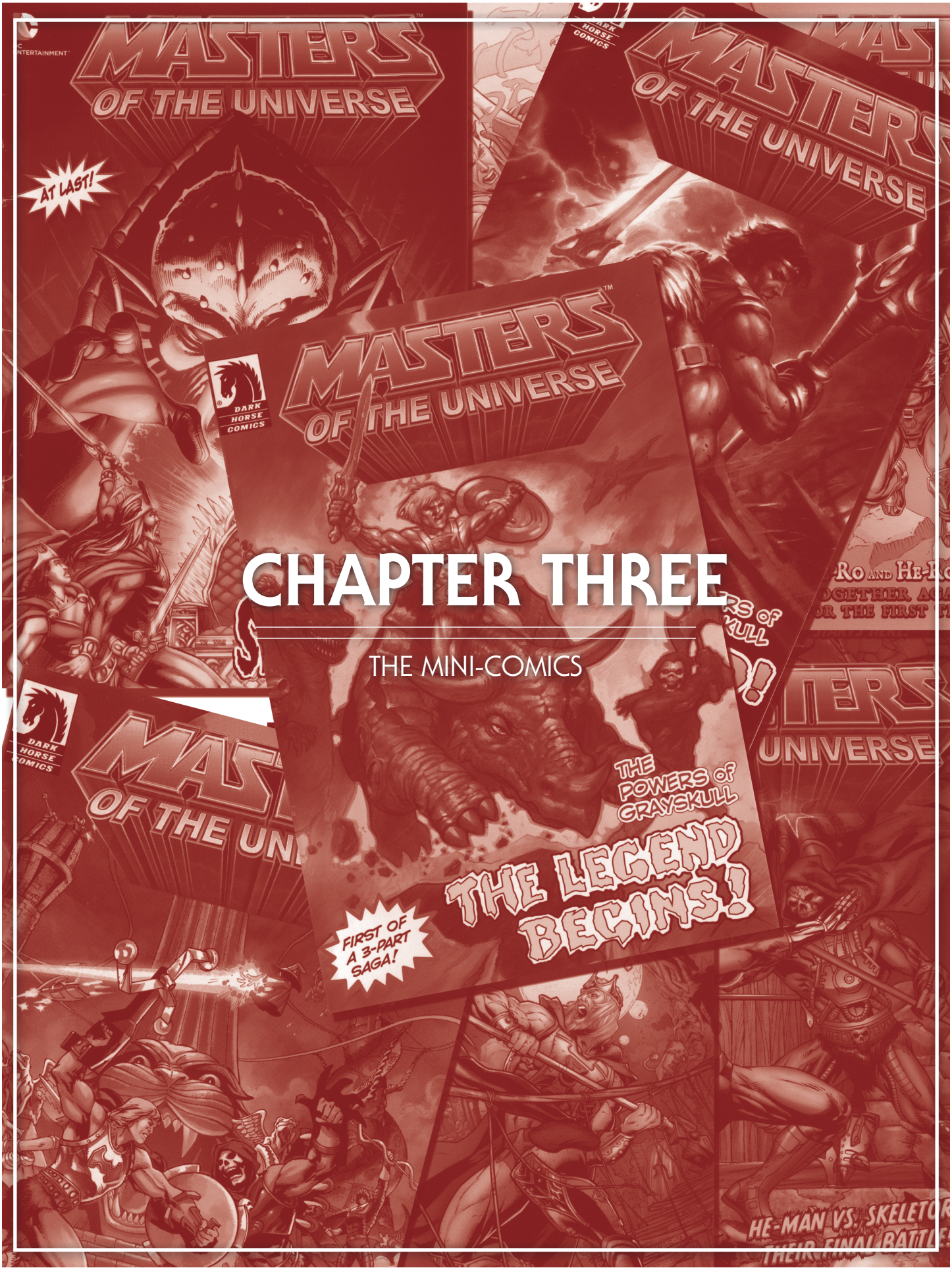
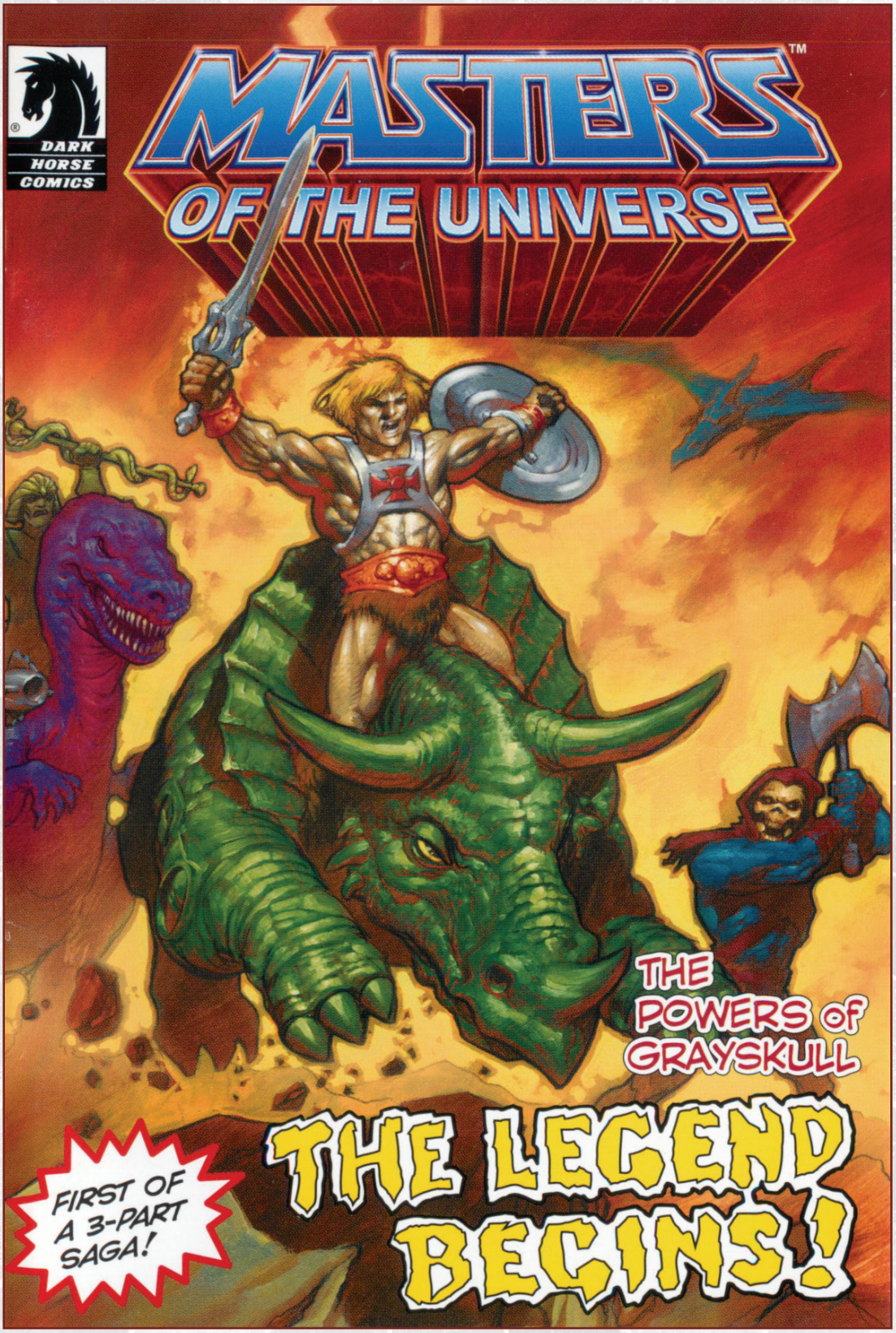


CHAPTER THREE

THE MINI-COMICS


MASTERS OF THE UNIVERSE
DARK HORSE COMICS
THE POWERS OF GRAYSKULL
THE LEGEND BEGINS!
FIRST OF A 3-PART SAGA!



This mini-comic came packaged with the Thunder Punch He-Man figure (pages 172-173) in April of 2012. The title and cover art paid homage to a mini-comic with the same name in the vintage toyline which was intended as a three-parter but never continued past the first issue.

THE POWERS OF GRAYSKULL

PART ONE:
THE LEGEND BEGINS!

It has been a long time since the defeat of Serpos...

The Snake Men have amassed power and the Horde have returned from Despondos, overthrowing King Skeletor and claiming rule over all Eternia! But not all is lost. She-Ra and the Great Rebellion have followed Hordak through the Laser Gate. United, the heroes of Eternia continue their fight for freedom...

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The "great king" walking behind Randor in the third panel is his father, King Miro.


LATER.
CASTLE GRAYSKULL.
TEELA. YOU SUMMONED ME?
YES, HE-MAN. AND, PLEASE, CALL ME THE SORCERESS.
TEEL-- SORCERESS. I KNOW THIS HAS BEEN DIFFICULT FOR YOU. FIRST YOUR MOTHER, AND THEN MAN-AT-ARMS...
I'M NOT JUST THE CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD ANYMORE. ETERNIA NEEDS ME MORE THAN EVER. I SHALL REMAIN STRONG.
I KNOW YOU WILL. YOU MAKE A GREAT SORCERESS. AND, uh, I LIKE WHAT YOU'VE DONE WITH YOUR HAIR.
ANCIENT PROPHECIES ARE COMING TRUE. EVEN NOW, THE TWO GREAT KINGS OF ETERNIA MARSHAL FORCES AGAINST THE HORDE AND THE SNAKE MEN.
A GREAT WAR COMES. ONE THAT WILL DECIDE THE FATE OF NOT ONLY OUR WORLD, BUT THE UNIVERSE AS WELL. BUT MY SENSES TELL ME WE ARE MISSING SOMETHING. SOMETHING INTEGRAL TO OUR VICTORY.
I FEEL WE WILL FIND IT NOT IN THE PRESENT OR THE FUTURE. BUT IN THE PAST, LOST IN HISTORY.
SOON.
CENTRAL TOWER.
I SHALL USE A SPELL TO DISGUISE THE POWER SWORD. IF IT FELL INTO THE WRONG HAND'S IN THE PAST, THERE COULD BE DIRE CONSEQUENCES. NOW, THE COMBINED FORCES OF THE COSMIC KEY AND CENTRAL TOWER WILL ALLOW YOU TO TRAVEL BACK IN TIME...
...TO PRETERNIA. GOODBYE FOR NOW, HE-MAN. I WILL BE WITH YOU SHOULD YOU NEED ME.
PRETERNIA? Hmm...LEGENDS TELL OF GREAT MAGIC AND POWER IN THESE ANCIENT TIMES. POWER THAT MUST BELONG TO ME! AND WITH MY POWERS DIMINISHED AND MY "BELOVED" FATHER AND BROTHER RETURNED, ETERNIA IS NO PLACE FOR SKELETOR.



The Bionatops (seen in the third frame above) was released as a toy in the vintage MOTU toyline in 1987 under the "Powers of Grayskull" label, as were the Tyrantisaurus Rex and Turbodactyl, which are both depicted on the comic's cover.


LET ME SUGGEST AN ALTERNATIVE SNACK. HERE, I SOFTENED YOUR BUDDY UP FOR YOU.
KRAKOW
KEEP RUNNING, YOU CREEPS, UNTIL YOU HIT THE CAVERNS OF RAKASH!
CALM DOWN, FRIEND. I'LL HAVE YOU OUT IN A SECOND.
BE CAREFUL. MANY OF THE ANIMALS OF THIS TIME ARE INFECTED WITH AN EVOLVING TECHNO-ORGANIC VIRUS. WHEN THE CREATURE IS UNDER STRESS...
...IT CAN HAVE UNUSUAL EFFECTS.
I SEE THAT!
I HAVE A FEELING YOU'RE GOING TO BE A GOOD GUY TO KNOW, BIONOTOPS.

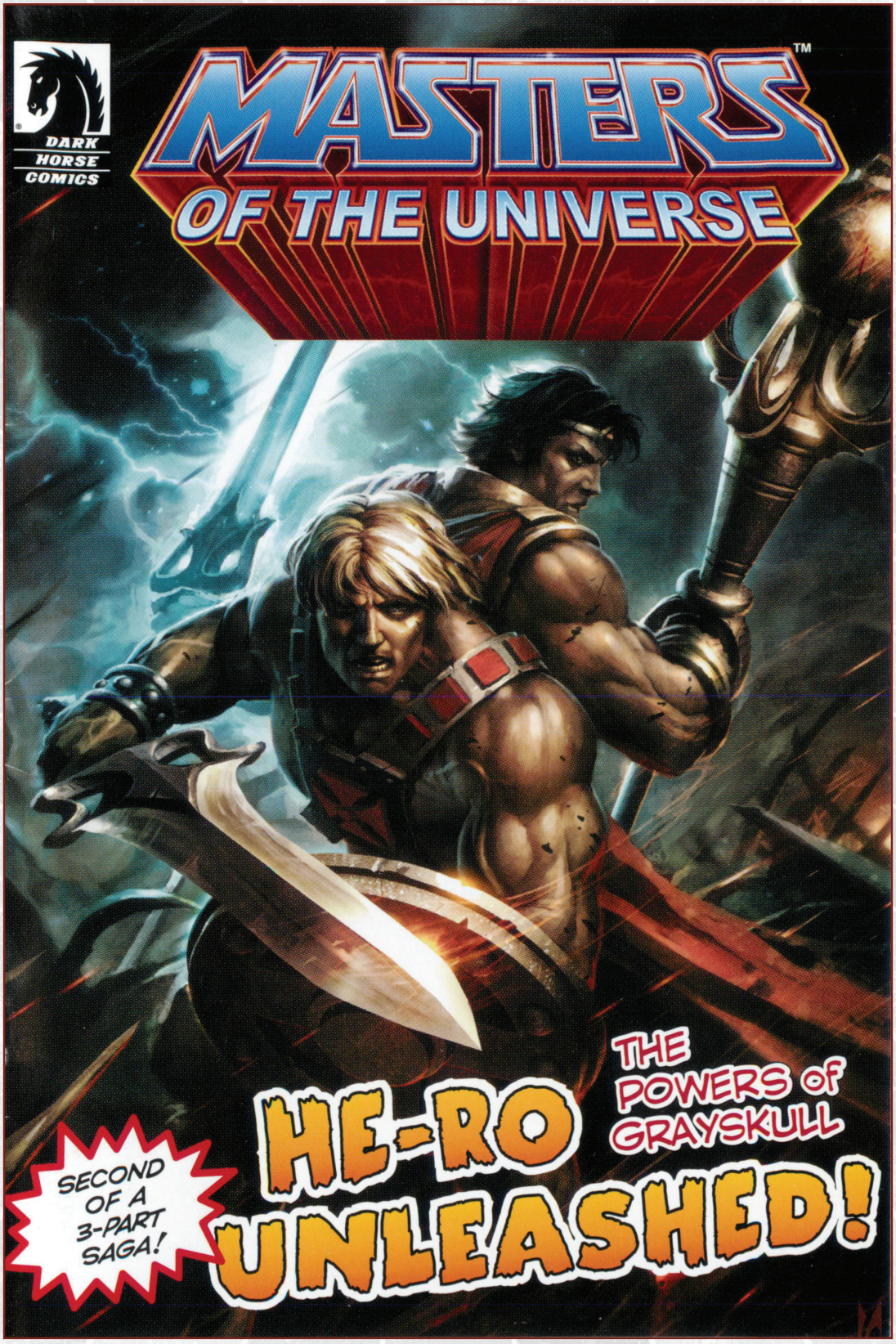


The Tyrantisaurus Rex (seen in the second frame above) was released as a toy in the vintage MOTU toyline in 1987 under the "Powers of Grayskull" label.


THIS VALLEY IS WHERE THE PALACE OF ETERNIA WILL ONE DAY STAND. INCREDIBLE.
I KNOW, BIONOTOPS. YOU DON'T SHARE MY AMAZEMENT--
Oh NO.
"LOOKS AS THOUGH MY INTERVENTION HAD CONSEQUENCES."
WHICH OF YOU SSSLUGS DARED SSSTAND AGAINST USSS? THIS LAND IS OURRSSS TO DO WITH AS WE PLEASSSE!
LEAVE THE VILLAGERS BE, COWARDS! IT'S ME YOU'RE LOOKING FOR! AND I'VE BROUGHT AN OLD FRIEND OF YOURS.
Ah. A CHALLENGE. FINALLY. MY TYRANTISAURUS WAS GETTING SOFT AND LAZY.
HE-MAN. YES, THAT'S IT. DESTROY EACH OTHER. MAKE MY FUTURE EASIER.


ALL WHO RESIST KING HSSSS HAVE DIED. THE MECHA-DRONE WILL ENSURE YOU JOIN THEM.
WHAT IS YOUR NAME, "HERO"? YOUR SHORT TALE WILL SERVE AS A REMINDER...
...THAT THE FUTURE BELONGS TO HSSSS.
Haha. WE'LL SEE ABOUT THAT.
I'M GETTING BORED OF YOUR BRAGGING, HSSSS.
GHOOM
GAH!
BEGONE! RETURN TO THE HOLE YOU CRAWLED FROM.
RETREAT! THE MASTERS ARE HERE!


THE MASTERS? EVEN IN THIS ERA THEY'RE A NUISANCE. THIS ONE'S SORCERY IS MORE POWERFUL THAN ANY I HAVE SEEN!
HERE, STRANGER. TAKE MY HAND AS THANKS FOR STANDING UP TO HSSSS.
IT'S I WHO HAVE TO THANK YOU--huh?
HE'S GONE.
YOU LIVE IN A STRANGE WORLD, MY FRIEND. A PLACE OF STRANGE ENEMIES...
--AND MYSTERIOUS ALLIES.
WHO IS THIS MYSTERIOUS NEW HERO? TO LEARN THE ANSWER AND MORE, GET THE NEXT AMAZING ISSUE OF "THE POWERS OF GRAYSKULL"!
TO BE CONTINUED



This mini-comic came packaged with the Snake Man-At-Arms figure (pages 186-187) in June of 2012.

THE POWERS OF GRAYSKULL

PART TWO:
THE FIRST ULTIMATE BATTLEGROUND!

Sent back in time by the new Sorceress of Grayskull, He-Man has taken on the disguise of "The Stranger" and infiltrated Preternia in an effort to learn the secret to defeating the Snake Men in his own time. But Skeletor, Evil Lord of Destruction, has also followed He-Man to Preternia, a time of great mystery and even greater power. New enemies and new allies await them both in this long-forgotten time of legends . . .

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Because this story takes place on Preternia, none of the Gar warriors in the first frame above is Sy-Klone, despite their very similar appearance.


I HAVE BEEN WATCHING YOU. ANY ENEMY OF EVIL IS A FRIEND OF MINE.
I AM RO... OR RATHER HE-RO, NOW THAT I WIELD THE SWORD OF HE.
THE POWER SWORD! RO MUST BE THE ONE WHO BROUGHT THE BLADE TO ETERNIA.
I'VE BEEN DOING WHAT I CAN, BUT FOR EVERY INJUSTICE I RIGHT, ANOTHER TAKES ITS PLACE.
YES, PRETERNIA NEEDS HEROES. WOULD YOU FOLLOW ME? I HAVE ALLIES I'D LIKE YOU TO MEET.
SOON.
WELCOME, STRANGER, TO THE HOME OF THE RESISTANCE, AND TO ITS LEADER...



Beast Lord and Gladiator were newly-created characters, both making their debut in this comic.



The red bat flying alongside Hordak above is based on the creature accessory that came with the vintage Hordak action figure; this creature was given the name Koth the Horror Bat in MOTUC canon.


THAT'S IT, THE KEY TO DEFEATING THE SNAKE MEN!
YOU MAY HAVE RUN OFF THE SNAKES...
BUT YOU WON'T FIND WE GIVE UP OUR WORLD SO EASILY!
WHILE THE FOOLS STRUT IN FRONT OF EACH OTHER, THE GATES OF CENTRAL TOWER AND ITS SECRETS ARE UNGUARDED...
FUTURE, PRESENT, PAST...IT ALWAYS COMES DOWN TO THE TWO OF US, DOESN'T IT?
THIS IS WHAT PASSES FOR A "KING" ON THIS BACKWATER WORLD?!
I AM UNIMPRESSED.
FZAK
NO!


HE-RO! WHY?!
YOU HAVE ALWAYS BEEN A WORTHY KING. AND NOW I DEEM YOU WORTHY...
...OF THE SWORD OF HE... UNGH.
HE-RO!
HAHA. YOUR WIZARD IS, AS THEY SAY, HISTORY, HE-MAN.
AWAY, MEGATOR! ONE OF MY BROTHERS HAS FALLEN!
AND HE WILL BE AVENGED!
SHRK
THIS SWORD...IT FEELS ALMOST AS IF...IT WERE MADE FOR ME...
AGH!!


HUNGH. NO MATTER. SNORT. WHEN I HAVE THE SECRETS OF THE TOWER, NO MERE WOUND WILL STOP ME...
ENOUGH BLOOD IS SHED IN PURSUIT OF THIS POWER.
I CAST THE THREE TOWERS INTO SUBTERNIA, WHERE THEY SHALL DWELL UNTIL SUCH TIME AS GREAT KINGS CAN LEAD MEN IN THE USE OF THEIR SECRETS!
THE BATTLE IS OVER, MY KING. MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!
NO! NOT AGAIN! I WON'T BE DENIED IN THIS TIME AS WELL--
SKELETOR.
THAT'S ENOUGH OUT OF YOU.
POW
WITHOUT THE TOWERS, I DON'T HAVE THE POWER I NEED! BEWARE, GRAYSKULL. THERE IS MAGIC YET THAT WILL DESTROY YOU!


LATER.
IN HONOR OF OUR FALLEN COMRADE WE SHALL BUILD A MIGHTY CASTLE.
WHAT SHALL WE CALL THIS FORTRESS--- "CASTLE HE-RO"?
A PROPER NAME WILL COME TO US.
I'M READY TO COME HOME, SORCERESS.
AND I'M BRINGING A SOUVENIR.
WAIT, STRANGER! YOU WOULD LEAVE US?
I MUST. THIS ISN'T MY WORLD, GOOD KING.
I KNEW THAT, STRANGER. BUT THERE WAS SOMETHING SO FAMILIAR ABOUT YOU...
YES. I FELT IT, TOO. I BID YOU GOODBYE, KING GRAYSKULL.
WE DO NOT SAY "GOOD BYE" HERE, MY FRIEND.
WE SAY "GOOD JOURNEY."
NEXT: BATTLE FOR THE FATE OF THE UNIVERSE!



This mini-comic came packaged with the Dragon Blaster Skeletor figure (pages 198-199) in September of 2012.

THE POWERS OF GRAYSKULL

PART THREE:

BATTLE FOR THE FATE OF THE UNIVERSE!

Traveling back in time to the reign of King Grayskull, He-Man joined with the Preternia Masters of the Universe in their fight for freedom against King Hssss and the Horde invaders. Learning the secret to defeating his cold-blooded foes, He-Man now returns to his own time, setting the stage for the greatest battle ever fought on Eternia. The fates align, for now is the time for the Second Ultimate Battleground...

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CAVES OF TUNDARIA.
MAIN AUDIENCE CHAMBER.
HE-MAN HAS RETURNED FROM AN IMPORTANT MISSION WITH A POWERFUL NEW WEAPON IN OUR BATTLE AGAINST THE SNAKE MEN AND THE HORDE.
THAT WEAPON IS KNOWLEDGE--A SPELL WHICH WILL RID US OF THEM FOREVER.
A SPELL WHICH WILL BE PERFORMED ON THE FINAL BATTLEGROUND BY OUR RESIDENT WIZARD, ORKO.
SHEESH. NO PRESSURE OR ANYTHING.
THE BATTLE FOR OUR WORLD IS HERE. IT WILL TAKE EVERY ONE OF US TO GIVE ORKO THE TIME TO COMPLETE THE SPELL. EVERY ONE OF US, AND MORE.
IN EXCHANGE FOR HIS FREEDOM, SKELETOR HAS AGREED TO FIGHT BY OUR SIDE.
YOU WILL FOLLOW ME AS THE RIGHTFUL HEIR THAT I AM.
WORKIN' WIT' SKELETOR? WHAT HAVE WE COME TO?
STRANGE TIMES CALL FOR STRANGE ALLIANCES, RAM-MAN.


"STRANGE ALLIANCES INDEED."
FOR ETHERIA!
FOR ETERNIA!!
YES, YES, WHAT THE SIMPLETON SIBLINGS SAID.



Several new characters can be spotted on this battlefield, including Spin Whiz, Snarrrl the Snow Thief, the Great Black Wizard, Golden Rod, Strettch Nek, Vypor, and Fang-Or, although not all of these names appear in any officially published media and therefore not all are considered canon.



The Land Shark (driven by Faker) and the Dragon Walker, vehicles produced in the vintage MOTU toyline, can be seen in the image above. Neither of these vehicles were released in the MOTUC line.


HE-MAN, SHE-RA, AND SKELETOR TOGETHER?


ONWARD!! CRUSH THE HORDE! SKIN HSSSS AND HIS MEN!

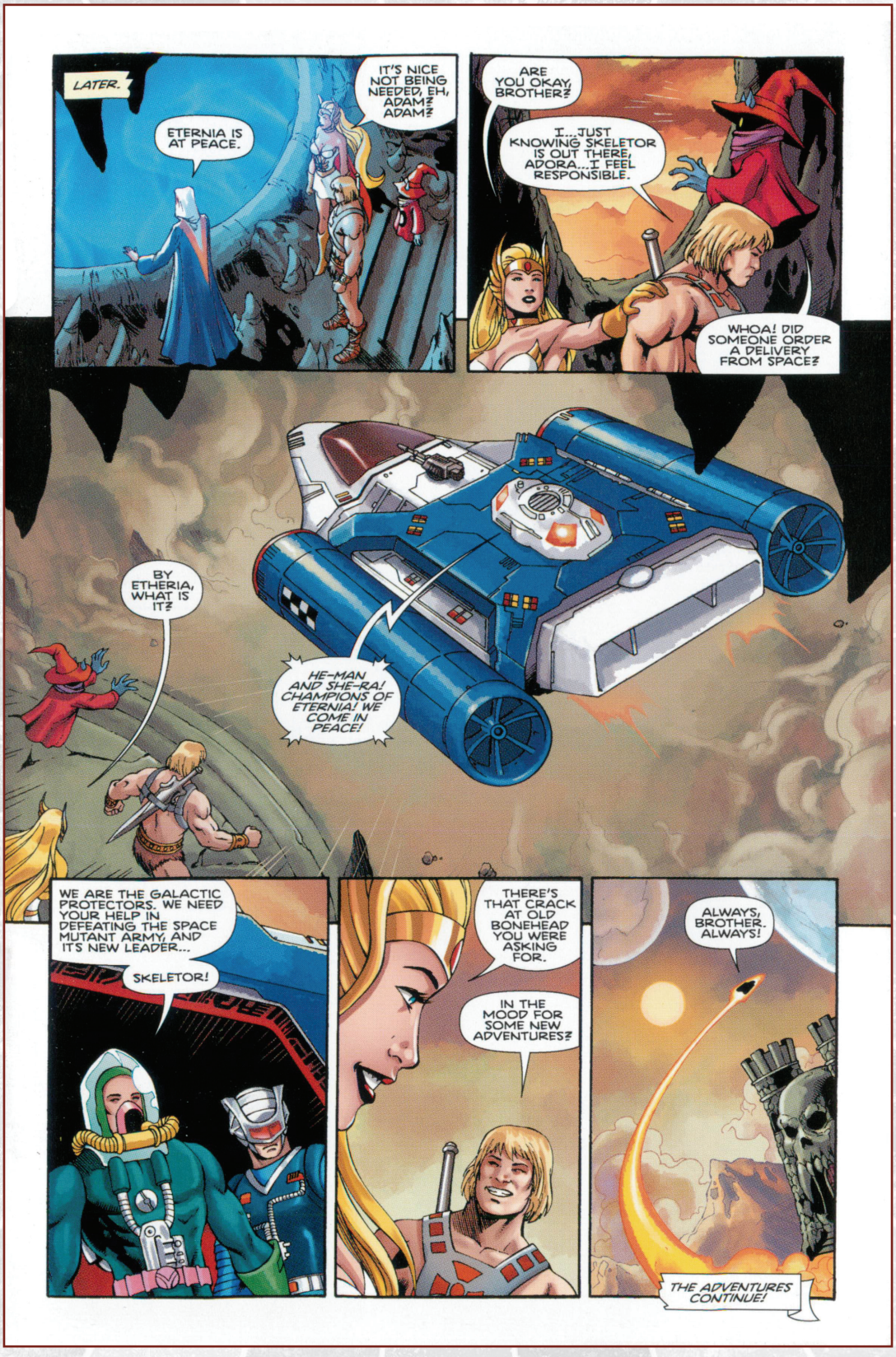


The bear-like character seen above is Red Beast; he was based on an unused figure concept from the vintage MOTU toyline.


YOU'VE LONG ABUSED YOUR POWERS, MORGAN.
THUS I HAVE TAKEN THEM AWAY.
DUNCAN! C'MON, MAN, YOU CAN BREAK THEIR CONTROL!
OR I CAN BREAK YOUR NECK.
DON'T MAKE--
DAMN YOU, DUNCAN. I'M SORRY.
HUGK!
FATHER!
OH... FATHER.
UNGH... TEELA. YOU DO YOUR MOTHER AND ME SO PROUD...
HEY, SNAKES! I CAST UPON YOU!
THE SPELL OF SEPARATION!!
BY THE OVERLORDS OF TROLLA...
WHY, THANK YOU, GOOD "KING." I'LL TAKE THAT.
HAHA HAHA.


COME ON! THE THREE OF US CAN DEFEAT HORDAK ONCE AND FOR ALL.
IT'S A NICE IDEA, "SHE-MAN"...
NO!
GAH!
WOOSH
BUT I THINK YOU AND YOUR ANNOYING BROTHER HAD BEST SIT THIS ONE OUT.
HORDAK IS MINE!
STUDENT AGAINST MASTER! TO THE DEATH! SURPRISINGLY HONORABLE OF YOU, MY FORMER APPRENTICE!
HONOR HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH IT, "MASTER." I JUST WANTED ALL OF YOUR POWER FOR MYSELF!!
AGHH!
LET ALL WHO HAVE FORGOTTEN BEWARE! SKELETOR IS THE TRUE LORD OF DESTRUCTION!!
YOUNG FOOL. YOU FORGOT MY MOST IMPORTANT LESSON. NEVER TURN YOUR BACK...ON ME...UNGH.
SWVN


SKELETOR?
STAND DOWN SO THAT WE MAY HELP YOU!
I DON'T NEED YOUR HELP!
I CAN HELP MYSELF!! A VIRUS TO THIS BEAST SHALL BECOME A CURE FOR ME!
I HAVE WHAT I ALWAYS SOUGHT! MY POWER AND HORDAK'S COMBINED, WITHOUT THE LIMITATIONS OF MERE FLESH!
I CAN HEAR THE UNIVERSE CALLING TO ME.
IT TELLS ME TO LEAVE THIS PUNY WORLD BEHIND. THERE IS GREATER POWER BEYOND. I WILL COMMAND THE ENTIRE HORDE EMPIRE!
THIS WAR IS OVER, HE-MAN. ETERNIA IS YOURS. I'LL TAKE THE ENTIRE UNIVERSE! HAHA HAHA HAHA!


LATER.
ETERNIA IS AT PEACE.
IT'S NICE NOT BEING NEEDED, EH, ADAM? ADAM?
ARE YOU OKAY, BROTHER?
I...JUST KNOWING SKELETOR IS OUT THERE, ADORA...I FEEL RESPONSIBLE.
WHOA! DID SOMEONE ORDER A DELIVERY FROM SPACE?
BY ETHERIA, WHAT IS IT?
HE-MAN AND SHE-RA! CHAMPIONS OF ETERNIA! WE COME IN PEACE!
WE ARE THE GALACTIC PROTECTORS. WE NEED YOUR HELP IN DEFEATING THE SPACE MUTANT ARMY, AND IT'S NEW LEADER...
SKELETOR!
THERE'S THAT CRACK AT OLD BONEHEAD YOU WERE ASKING FOR.
IN THE MOOD FOR SOME NEW ADVENTURES?
ALWAYS, BROTHER. ALWAYS!
THE ADVENTURES CONTINUE!





This mini-comic came packaged with the King He-Man figure (pages 232-233) in March of 2013.

THE SECRET ORIGIN OF SKELETOR!

FATE AND DESTINY

Hey kids, Scrollos here! How vast the Universe! How mighty the Cosmos! As intergalactic recorder and archivist for the Overlords of Trolla, it is my eternal task to document all that is and all that will ever be. The time has come at last to uncover a tale long in coming. Before he became the most wanted man in the Horde Empire, before he was the Eternian Overlord of Evil, Keldor was a great Prince of Eternia, fighting bravely with his allies and friends for the safety of all free beings. How quickly fates can change! How cruel one's destiny can be! A tale long buried, at last it can be told! At last I can reveal—The Secret Origin of Skeletor!

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The narrating singer is Songster, a character created for the 1987 live-action Power Tour. Among the children he is entertaining are Prince Adam, Teela, a Caligar child, and an Avionian child that may or may not be Stratos.

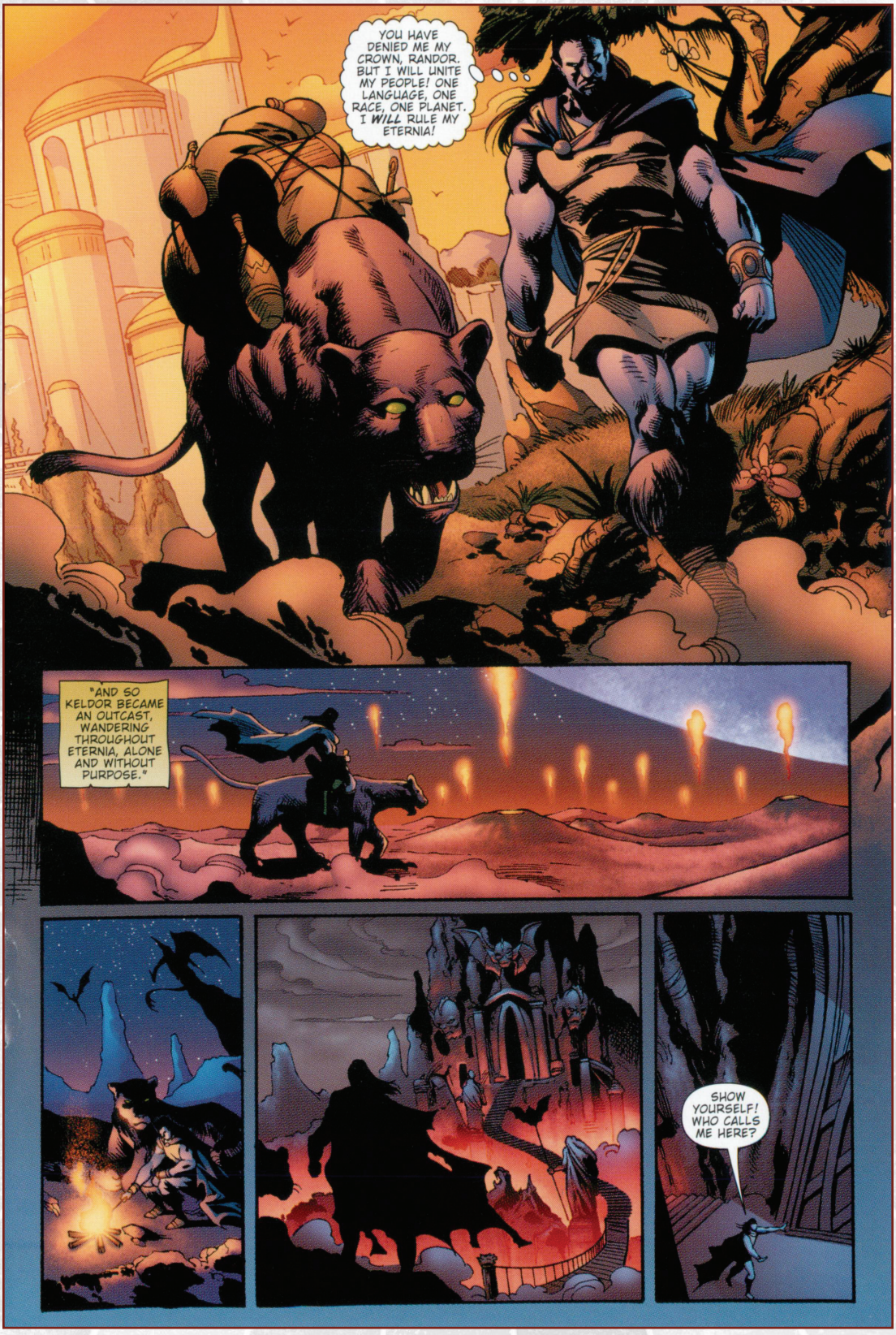


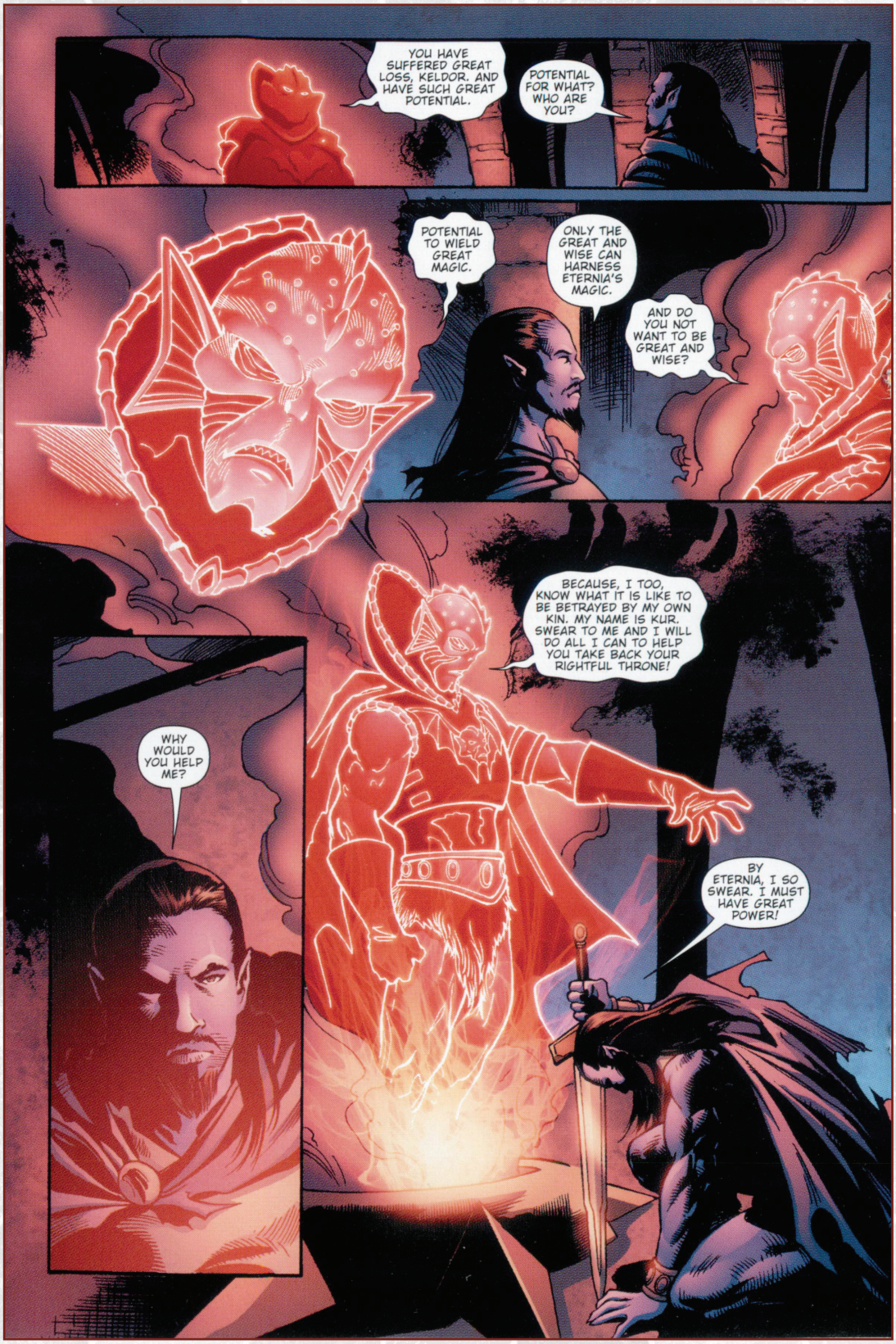
Raenus is actually a young Clamp Champ. Also among Songster's audience is what appears to be a Qadian child.



Although not referred to by name in this comic, King Miro's widow (and Randor's mother) is named Queen Amelia.


THE QUEEN! THE QUEEN! KELDOR HAS MURDERED THE QUEEN!
KELDOR--WHAT HAPPENED!?
MY BROTHER...I... TURNED AND... IT WAS...AN ACCIDENT.
MOTHER...
IS IT TRUE?
THE GAR TRAITOR HAS KILLED THE QUEEN!
HE MUST PAY FOR HIS CRIMES!
W-WHERE AM I?
I DON'T HAVE A CHOICE, BROTHER...THE PEOPLE WILL WANT YOUR LIFE...I WILL ALWAYS LOVE YOU...
RANDOR... DON'T....
FOR THE MURDER OF THE QUEEN, YOU ARE HEREBY BANISHED FROM ETERNOS PALACE!.
I AM SO SORRY, BROTHER...


YOU HAVE DENIED ME MY CROWN, RANDOR. BUT I WILL UNITE MY PEOPLE! ONE LANGUAGE, ONE RACE, ONE PLANET. I *WILL* RULE MY ETERNIA!
"AND SO KELDOR BECAME AN OUTCAST, WANDERING THROUGHOUT ETERNIA, ALONE AND WITHOUT PURPOSE."
SHOW YOURSELF! WHO CALLS ME HERE?


YOU HAVE SUFFERED GREAT LOSS, KELDOR. AND HAVE SUCH GREAT POTENTIAL.
POTENTIAL FOR WHAT? WHO ARE YOU?
POTENTIAL TO WIELD GREAT MAGIC.
ONLY THE GREAT AND WISE CAN HARNESS ETERNIA'S MAGIC.
AND DO YOU NOT WANT TO BE GREAT AND WISE?
BECAUSE, I TOO, KNOW WHAT IT IS LIKE TO BE BETRAYED BY MY OWN KIN. MY NAME IS KUR. SWEAR TO ME AND I WILL DO ALL I CAN TO HELP YOU TAKE BACK YOUR RIGHTFUL THRONE!
WHY WOULD YOU HELP ME?
BY ETERNIA, I SO SWEAR. I MUST HAVE GREAT POWER!


GOOD. GOOD! YOU HAVE MASTERED CONTROL.
IN ANCIENT TIMES BRAVE WARRIORS BROUGHT MIGHTY OBJECTS TO TOUCH THE STAR SEED IN THE CENTER OF ETERNIA. ABSORBING ITS ENERGY, THESE OBJECTS WILL HARMONIZE AND CHANNEL THE SECRET MAGICS OF ETERNIA!
YOU HAVE LEARNED MUCH, MY YOUNG APPRENTICE. BUT WITHOUT AN AMPLIFIER, YOUR POWERS WILL ALWAYS BE LIMITED.
AND WHERE WILL I FIND SUCH AN OBJECT?
YOU MUST GO TO THE LOST CITY OF ZALESIA...


LATER, THE GATES OF ZALESIA.
I KNOW YOU ARE HERE.
SHOW YOURSELF!
YOU HAVE COME FOR MY STAFF.
AND I WILL BE LEAVING WITH IT.



The skull-faced warrior in the Faceless One's vision is Skeleteen, the future son of Evil-Lyn and Skeletor. The character originated as the intended antagonist for the unproduced Filmation "He-Ro, Son of He-Man" cartoon series.


WELCOME BACK, KELDOR. LORD OF THE HAVOC STAFF.
AND LORD OF MY OWN DESTINY. I KNOW WHO YOU ARE, HORDAK...
...AND I DON'T NEED YOU ANYMORE!
NOOOOOOOOOO!
ETERNIA WILL BE MINE!
"AND SO KELDOR TRAVELED THE PLANET. FINDING FELLOW OUTCASTS LIKE HIMSELF...
"AND SOME WHO SOUGHT FREEDOM OR RICHES."
THESE PRISON WALLS WILL RESTRAIN YOU NO LONGER. JOIN ME AND WE WILL TAKE BACK ETERNIA FOR ALL FREE MEN!


"AND SO ONE FINAL BATTLE WOULD END THE GREAT UNREST..."
IT DID NOT HAVE TO BE LIKE THIS, BROTHER!
I WILL TAKE WHAT IS RIGHTFULLY MINE!
NOOOOOOO!
RETREAT, MY WARRIORS! WE WILL LIVE ON TO FIGHT ANOTHER DAY!
LATER: HORDAK'S SECRET SANCTUARY.
HEAL ME, MASTER! HEAL ME AND I SWEAR ALLEGIANCE TO YOU!
SO BE IT.
POWER! SUCH POWER. HAHAHAHAHA-HAHAHAHA!



In the second panel, two of the children make references to the kidnapping of Adora and the origin of Teela. Although not specifically named, the little girl who is speaking is Andra, who would grow up to become a lieutenant in the royal guard.



This mini-comic came packaged with the Unnamed One figure (pages 304-305) in March of 2014.

HE-MAN AND SKELETOR- THEIR FINAL BATTLE

A NEW ERA BEGINS!

The months became years. The battles almost endless. Across the Tri Solar System and into Horde Terror-tory, the Galactic Protectors continued the fight to free the Universe from the threat of the evil Horde Empire. Suffering a devastating loss at the Battle of Fetra IV, He-Man and She-Ra made a dark deal with their old enemy Skeletor, the intergalactic Overlord of Evil. Combining forces with his Space Mutant Army, the Galactic Protectors pilot Starship Eternia toward Horde World, capitol of the Empire and home to Horde Prime, despotic leader and ruler of the known Universe!

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No specific explanation is ever given in the MOTUC mini-comics as to why Icarius is missing an eye and Flogg has been beheaded.


SOON
IT'S OVER, PRIME!
SURRENDER NOW!
YOU THINK YOU HAVE WON? BEHOLD! YOUR GREATEST FAILURE AND MY GREATEST TRIUMPH– THE VORTEX BEAM GENERATOR!
SWORD TO BOOMERANG!
MY KEY CONTROLLER!
BROTHER – NO!
YOUR BUFFOON OF A BROTHER IS GONE!
BUT SO IS YOUR CONTROLLER.
AND YOU FACE THE WRATH OF THE PRINCESS OF POWER! FOR THE HONOR OF GRAYSKULL!
NO!



In the bottom panel, the four characters on the left (Compactor, Netta, Brainwave, and Eye Beam) were all finalists in Mattel's 1986 Create A Character contest. They are depicted squaring off against Bubblor, Tri-Beast, Major Header, and Ra-Jar, finalists in Mattel's 2012 Create A Character contest.


SOON YOU WILL BE A SLAVE OF TRI-BEAST!
ARGGH.
SORRY, BUT THERE WON'T BE ANY ENSLAVING IF I CAN HELP IT!
CAN IT BE? THE HE-MAN OF LEGEND! HERE? FINALLY?
IT'S HIM. IT'S THE HE-MAN! COME AT LAST TO TURN THE TIDE!
OUR LEGENDS ARE TRUE!
THAT WAS ALMOST TOO EASY.
YOU ARE THE HE-MAN OF LEGEND!
I KNEW YOU'D COME!
I AM HE-MAN, BUT I DON'T KNOW WHERE I AM.
YOU ARE ON TROLLA. OR AT LEAST WHAT IS LEFT OF IT.
THIS IS TROLLA? IT LOOKS NOTHING LIKE I REMEMBER.
THAT IS BECAUSE IT HAS BEEN DECIMATED BY THE UNNAMED ONE'S REVENGE SQUAD. WE ARE THE DEFENDERS, THE LAST REMAINING GUARDIANS OF TROLLA'S TEMPLE OF POWER.
TEMPLE OF POWER... HUMMM...



Lady Slither was an all-new character created for MOTUC. • For some reason, Lady Slither calls Ra-Jar "Raja" on this page.



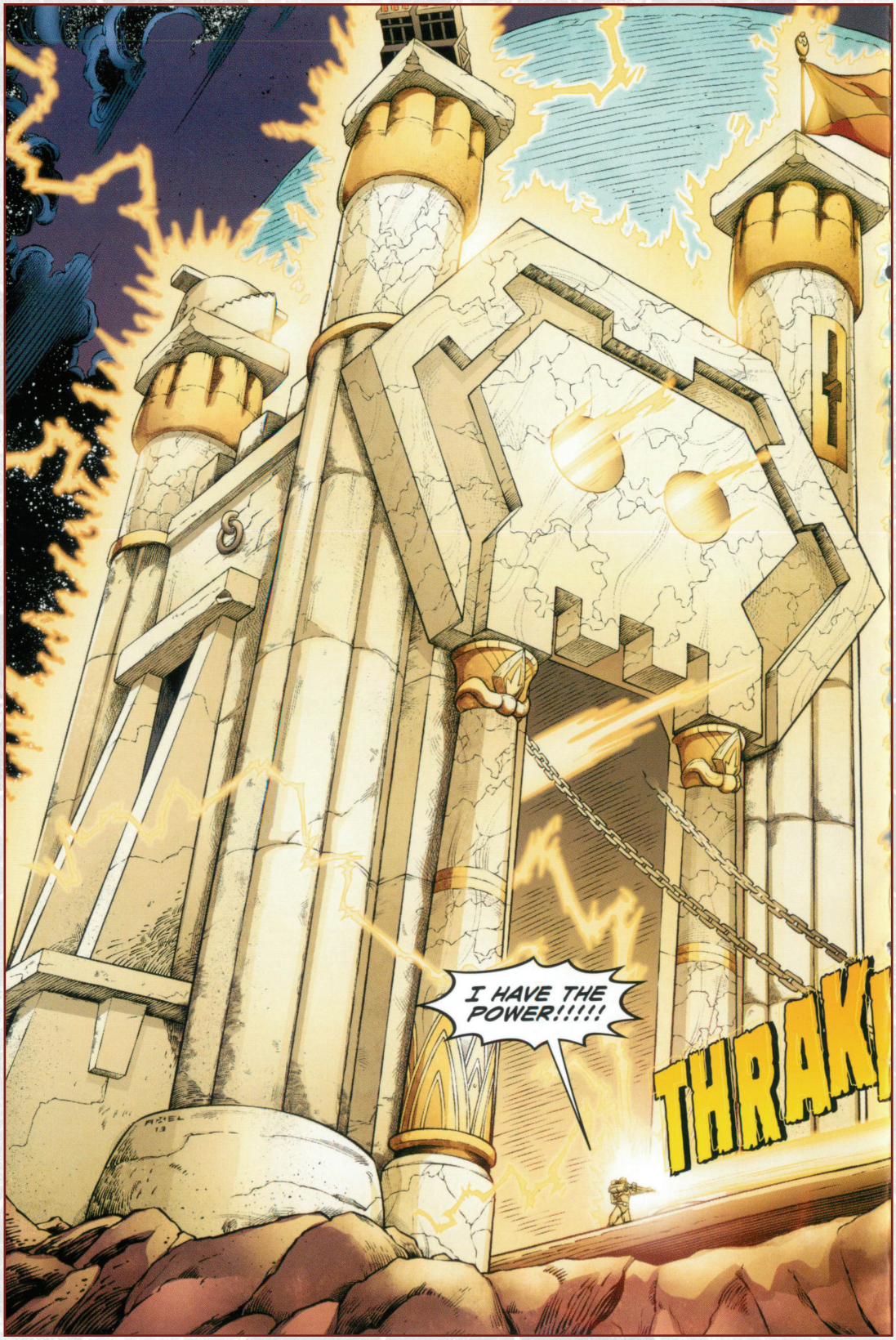
Four all-new characters were introduced on this page: Jet Pak, Man Crystal, Hans Hammer Holder, and Robo Woman. Jet Pak's design was based on the space suit cardboard accessory from the vintage Castle Grayskull playset. All four characters were designed to utilize existing figure parts had they ever been given a toy in the MOTUC line (which they were not).



In the first panel, Hans Hammer Holder is depicted riding upon Astro Lion, one of the Meteorb figures produced in the vintage MOTU toyline. • Although not referred to by name in this issue, the one-eyed villain in the second panel was a new character named Muck Man.


HAVEN'T WE DONE THIS DANCE BEFORE, SKELETOR?
NOT THIS TIME! YOU WILL NOT DENY ME AGAIN!
THIS WORLD AND ITS SECRETS WILL BE MINE!
BACK!
NOT ENOUGH POWER TO RETURN TO HORDE WORLD OR ETERNIA... BUT PERHAPS ENOUGH TO TELEPORT ME INSIDE OF THIS TEMPLE! COME TO THINK OF IT, WHY HAVE I NOT TRIED THIS BEFORE?!
NO!
NOT THIS TIME, SKELETOR. YOUR QUEST FOR ULTIMATE POWER STOPS HERE!
TODAY THIS ENDS!


IT IS HERE! GREATER THAN I EVER IMAGINED!
GREATER THAN EVEN GRAYSKULL! THE POWER I'VE ALWAYS WANTED!
AND I'LL ALWAYS BE HERE TO STOP YOU FROM GAINING IT!
NOT THIS TIME! I CLAIM THE POWER OF THE UNIVERSE FOR MY OWN!
DIDN'T YOUR PARENTS TEACH YOU TO SHARE?
THE POWER! IT IS MINE!
ARRGGGUH!
HA HA HA HA HA
IT'S OVER, HE-MAN.
LET THIS BE OUR FINAL BATTLE!
SORCERESS. I HOPE YOU WERE RIGHT...
...BY THE POWER OF GRAYSKULL!


I HAVE THE POWER!!!!!
THRAK


KA DOOM!
MOTHERRRRR!!!

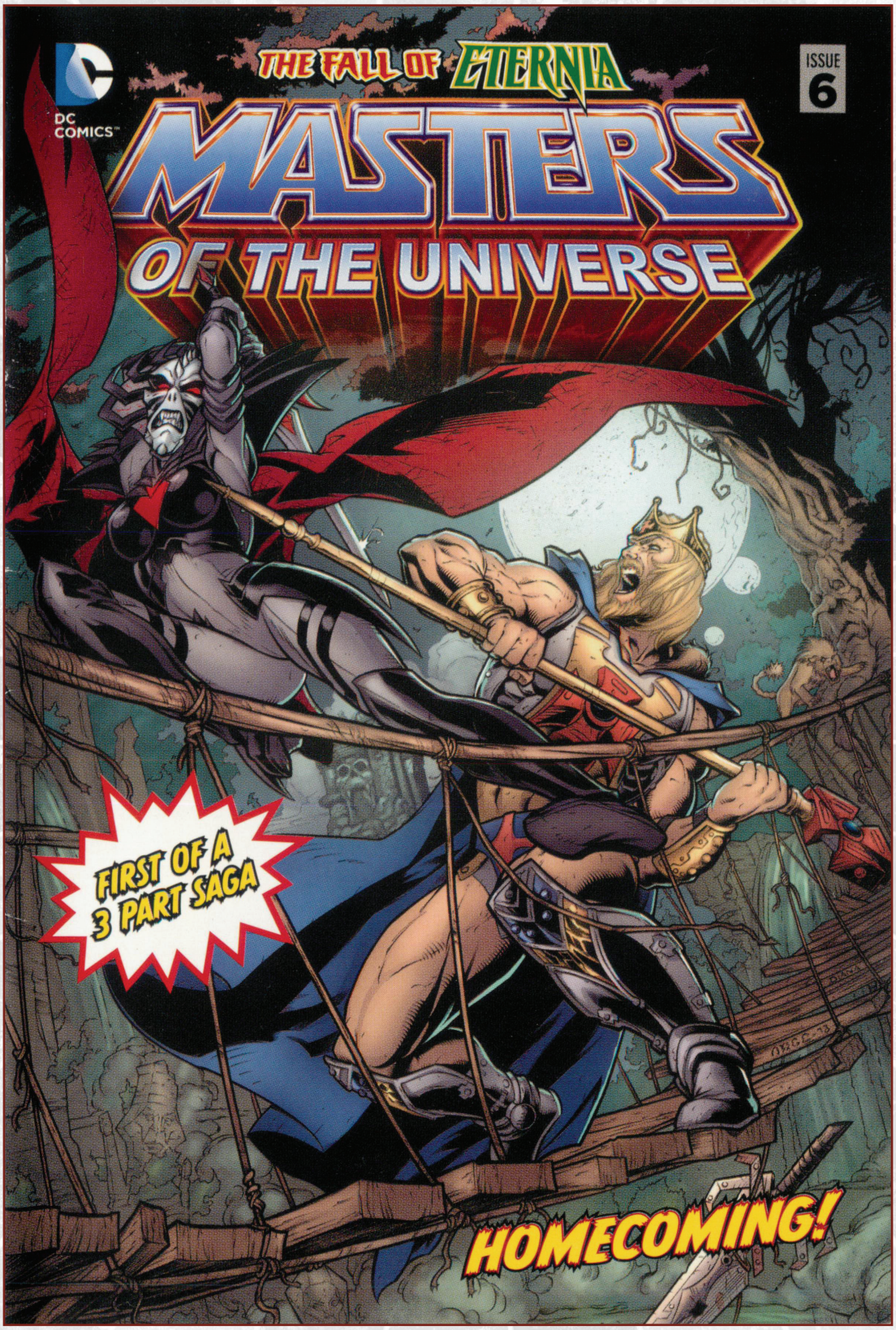


The ship behind the Unnamed One in the final panel bears a striking resemblance to the Collector, a vehicle used frequently by Skeletor in the Filmation MOTU cartoon series.



Three Cosmic Enforcers appear on this page. The middle one is Zanthor, who made his debut in the Filmation MOTU cartoon. According to a Mattel Q&A, the Cosmic Enforcer on the left is Karsack, a member of Sagitar's species, and the one on the right is Levitha, a member of Saurod's species.


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THE FALL OF ETERNIA
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ISSUE 6
FIRST OF A 3 PART SAGA
HOMECOMING!



This mini-comic came packaged with the Oo-Larr figure (pages 366-367) in March of 2015.

THE FALL OF ETERNIA

PART ONE:
HOMECOMING!

With the Horde Empire in retreat, victory seemed inevitable. But He-Man and Skeletor were cast from the final battle and it was left to the Princess of Power to defeat Horde Prime alone and once and for all. Returning from Trolla, He-Man found his sister now lost but the Empire in ruins. For a decade, action and adventure followed He-Man on his quest to locate his lost twin. Meeting strange new allies and fierce new enemies He-Man battled across the Universe. Receiving news of his father's passing, Adam now races toward Eternia at last, this time as its King, heir to the throne of Eternos Palace.

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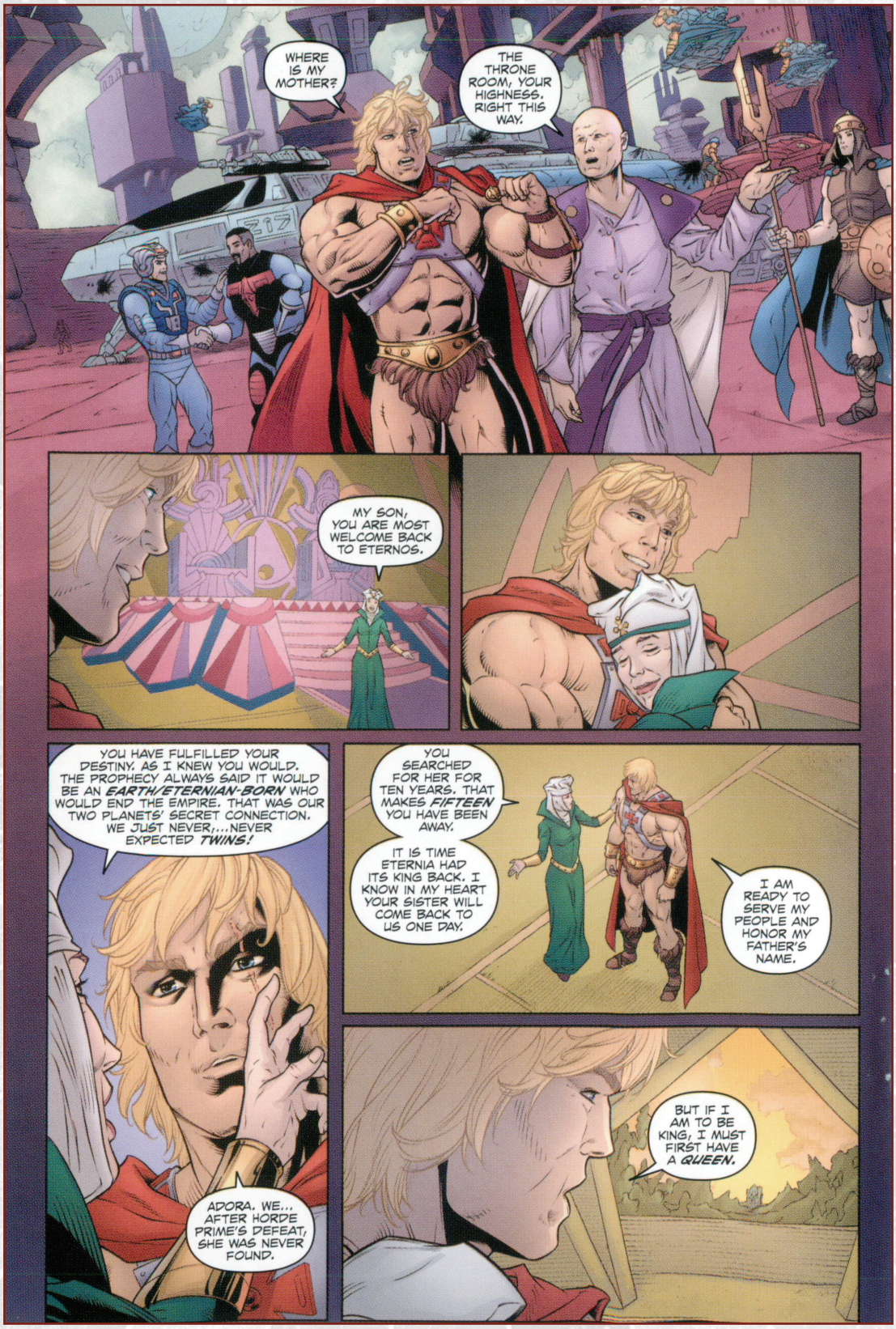
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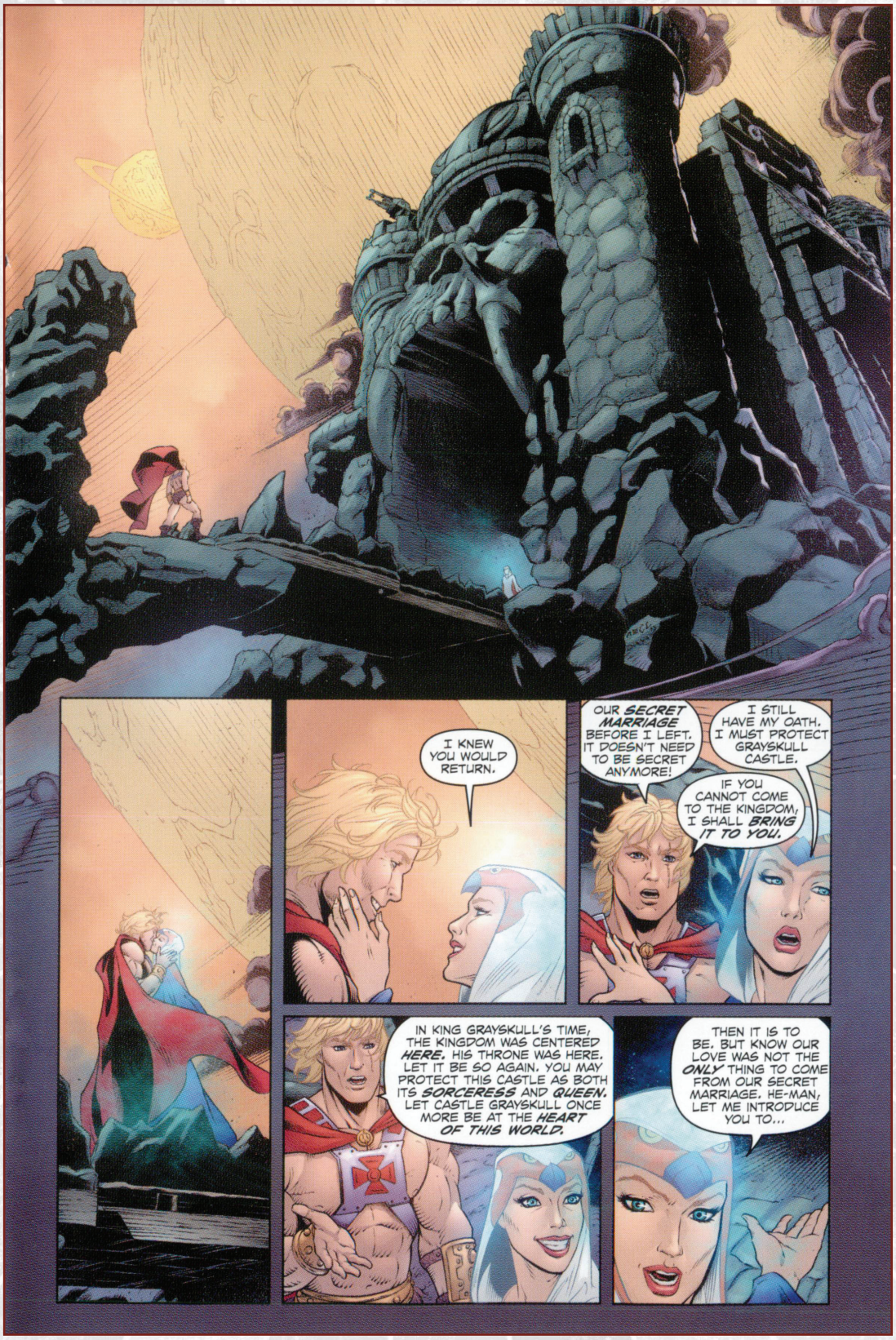
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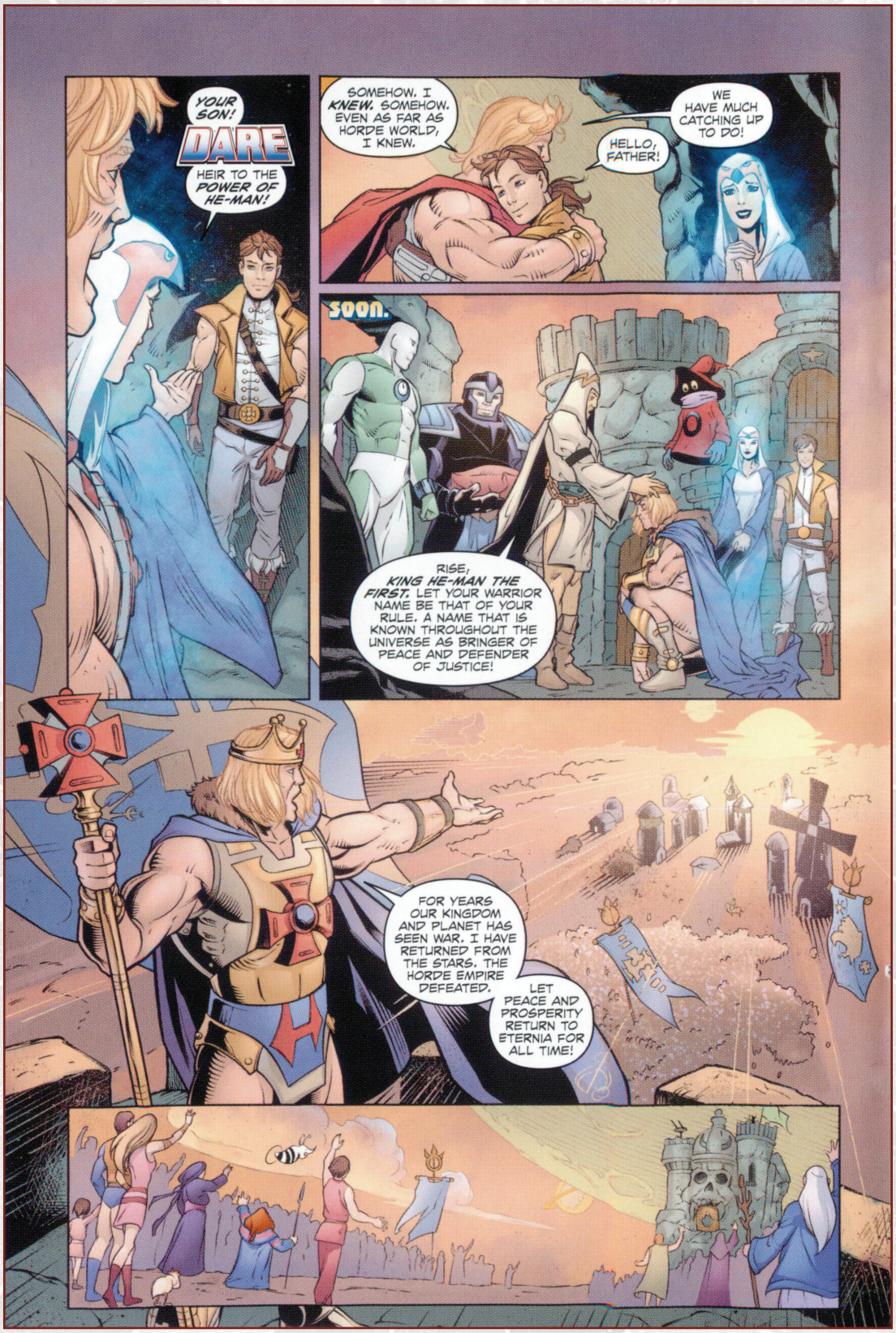
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THERE IT IS, ETERNIA. NOW THAT'S A SIGHT FOR SORE EYES. THE LAST TIME I WAS HERE I WAS LIVING IN A CAVE.
I ONLY WISH... I WASN'T COMING BACK ALONE.
THE PROTECTORS WILL CONTINUE THEIR QUEST TO FIND YOUR SISTER, SIR. I PROMISE.
STARSHIP ETERNIA TO PLANET ETERNIA CONTROL. SKY HIGH, OLD BUDDY, DO YOU READ ME?
MY ESCORT FIGHTERS WILL SEE YOU IN.
WELCOME BACK, YOUR HIGHNESS.
IT'S GOOD TO BE HOME.



Although not officially confirmed, the bald, purple-robed character speaking to He-Man in the first panel bears a striking resemblance to Lubic, a character from the live-action 1987 MOTU movie. • The design of the Eternian Palace Guard on this page is based on the guards' appearance in the 200x MYP MOTU cartoon series.


I KNEW YOU WOULD RETURN.
OUR SECRET MARRIAGE BEFORE I LEFT. IT DOESN'T NEED TO BE SECRET ANYMORE!
I STILL HAVE MY OATH. I MUST PROTECT GRAYSKULL CASTLE.
IF YOU CANNOT COME TO THE KINGDOM, I SHALL BRING IT TO YOU.
IN KING GRAYSKULL'S TIME, THE KINGDOM WAS CENTERED HERE. HIS THRONE WAS HERE. LET IT BE SO AGAIN. YOU MAY PROTECT THIS CASTLE AS BOTH ITS SORCERESS AND QUEEN. LET CASTLE GRAYSKULL ONCE MORE BE AT THE HEART OF THIS WORLD.
THEN IT IS TO BE. BUT KNOW OUR LOVE WAS NOT THE ONLY THING TO COME FROM OUR SECRET MARRIAGE. HE-MAN, LET ME INTRODUCE YOU TO...



The man crowning King He-Man in the third panel is never identified in this or any other media. • Among the crowd in the final panel are Burbie, Gronk, and Master Sebrian.

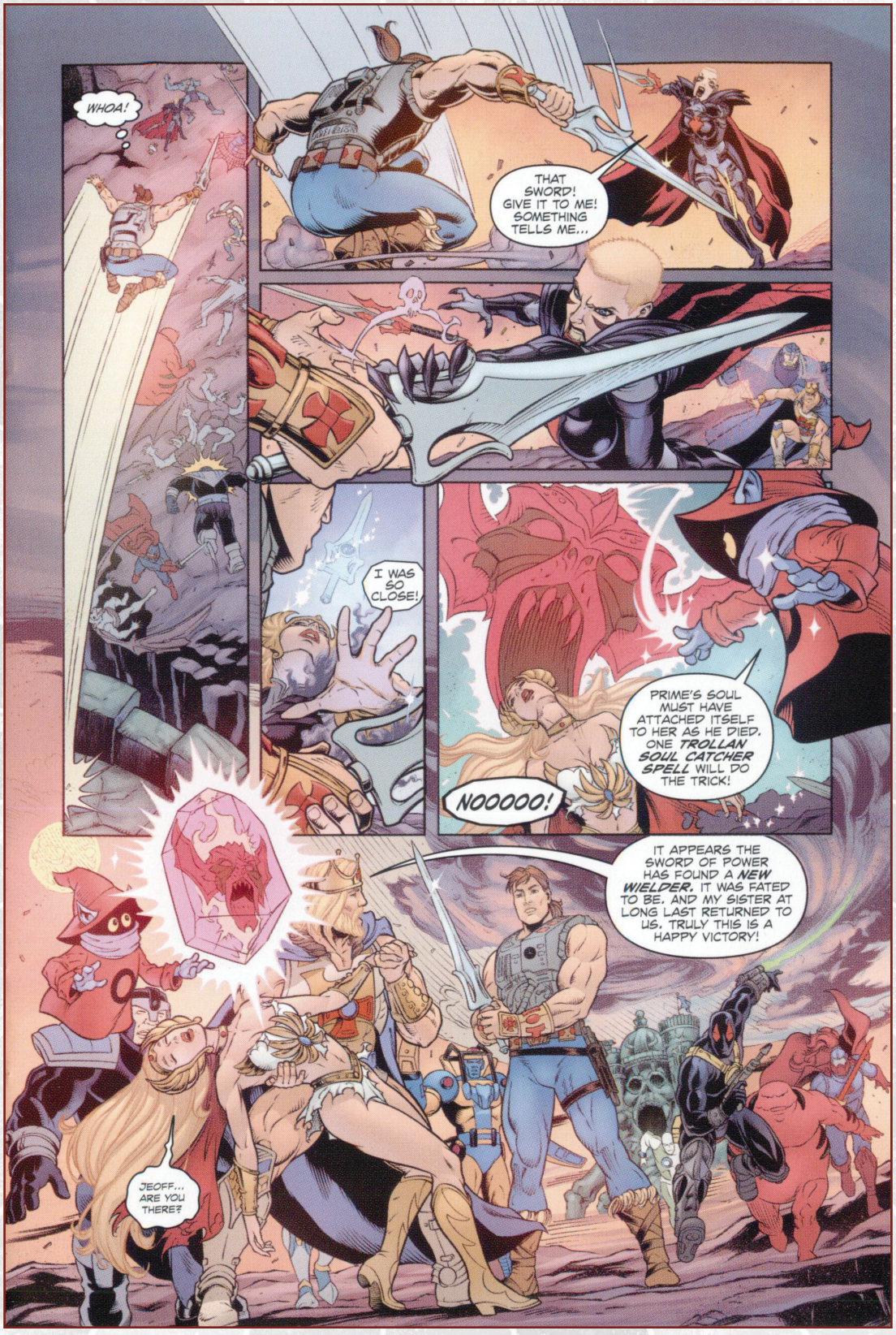


The bird in the first panel is Craven, whom Dare later transforms into Battle Bird. Craven, Fork Lift, Air Bag, and Kay'La were all featured in the series bible for the unproduced Filmation "He-Ro, Son Of He-Man" cartoon, but did not make an official appearance until this mini-comic. Both Man-E-Faces and Ram-Man were slated to appear in the "He-Ro, Son of He-Man" cartoon series as well, but with updated designs. For this comic, Man-E-Faces II and Ram-Man II were introduced instead of redesigning the existing classic characters.

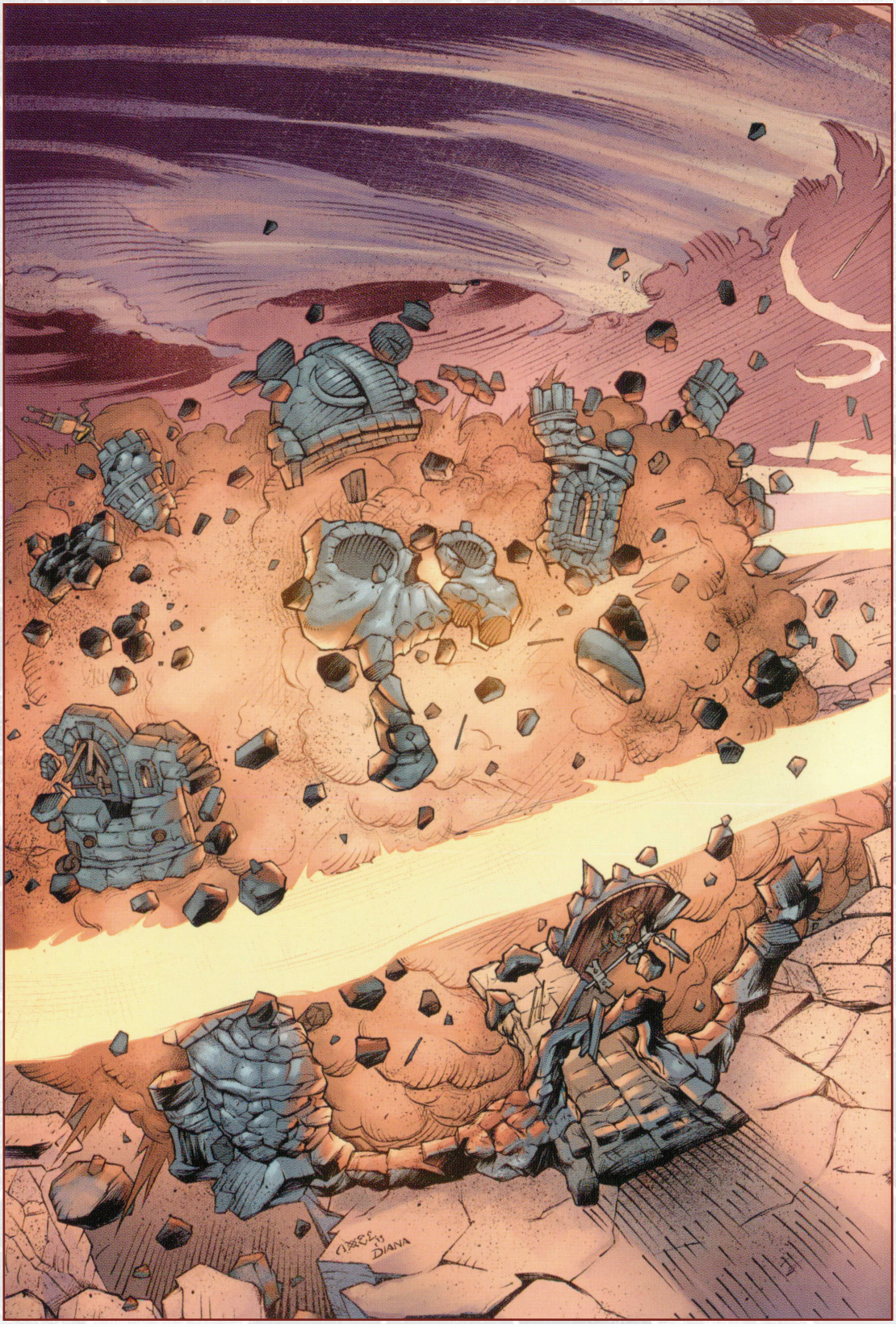

FOUR MONTHS LATER...
SURRENDER, ETERNIA! IN THE NAME OF THE EMPIRE!
RAAAGGGHHH!!
NOT WHILE WE DEFEND IT! MASTERS TO MY SIDE!
GUH?
HOLD! WHAT IS IT YOU WANT? WHO ARE YOU? WHAT DO YOU SEEK?
I BATTLED TEN YEARS IN THE ARENA FOR MY FREEDOM. NOW I'VE COME FOR YOU!
YOU TOOK ME FROM MY FATHER! YOU TWISTED EVERYTHING!
ADORA? IS THAT...?
OOOWWFF!!


ADORA, WE SEARCHED FOR YOU! I NEVER KNEW...
YOU TOOK ME FROM MY FATHER!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO YOU, ADORA. BUT IF YOU ARE ANGRY OVER HORDAK, HIS ASSASSIN IS *RIGHT THERE!*
RAAAAAHHHH!
THIS CHANGES NOTHING.
YOU ARE *STILL* COMING WITH ME!


FATHER!
I KNOW WHAT I MUST DO!
BY THE POWER OF HE-MAN... I AM HE-RO!



The name that She-Ra mutters in the final panel ("Jeoff...") is a reference to Sea Hawk.


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DIANA

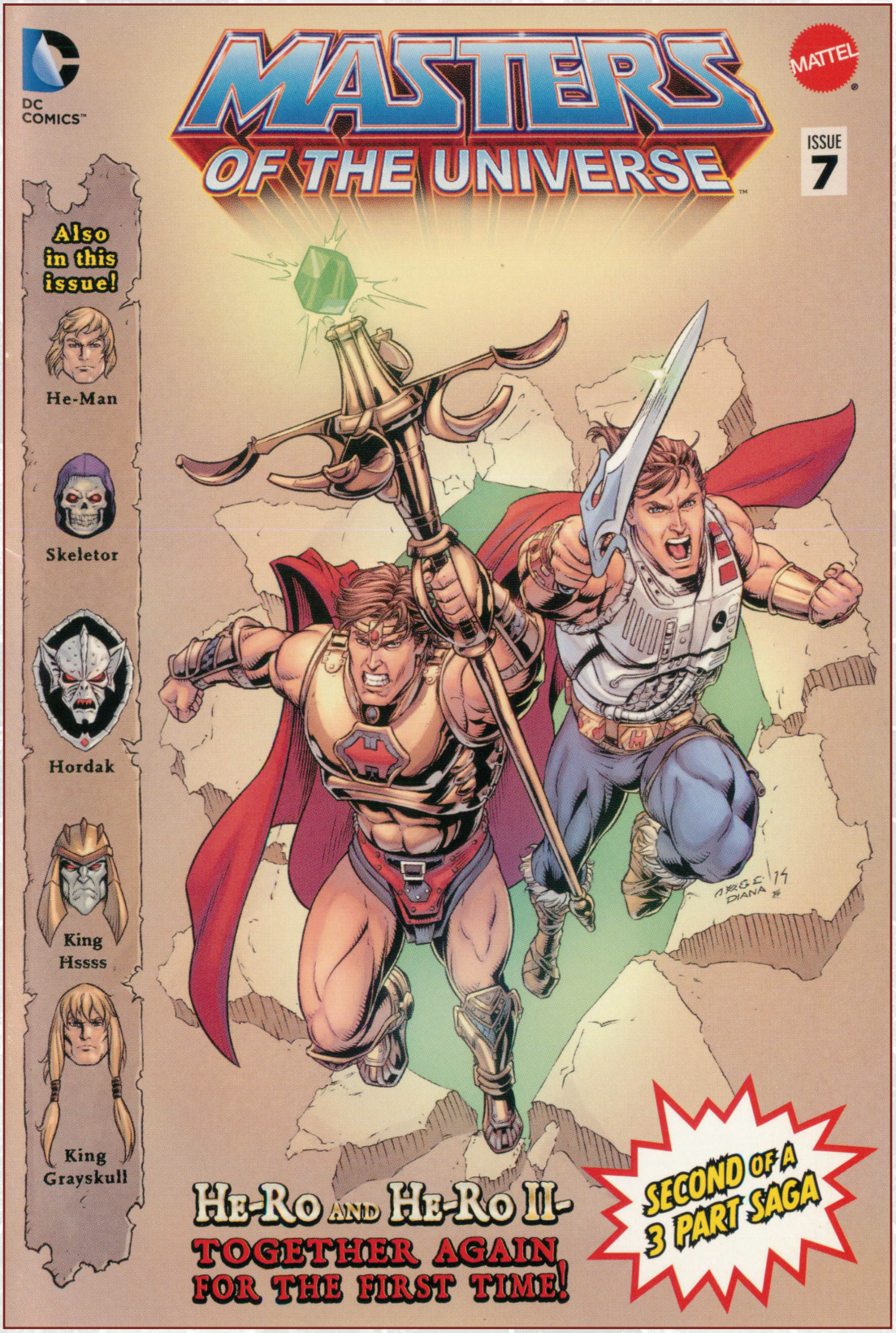

BY ETERNIA!



Modulok and Multi-Bot are depicted here as the combined character Ultrabeast.


OH HEY, STILL HERE, KIDS? (OH, PLEASE, WE KNOW YOU'RE 37!) YOUR PAL, SCROLLOS HERE! HAD AN EXTRA PAGE THIS TIME AROUND WHICH MEANS IT'S TIME TO DIG DEEP INTO THE FAN MAIL BAG TO ANSWER SOME OF YOUR BURNING QUESTIONS!
?
AS IF WE HAVE PHYSICAL MAIL THESE DAYS! WELL, HERE'S A "LETTER" FROM MEGAGEAR MAX. HE WRITES, "SCROLLOS, I LOVE YOUR SHOES. WHERE CAN I GET SOME IN MY SIZE? ALSO, HOW DID TEELA WIND UP WITH THE STAFF OF KA, LOST TO HISTORY AFTER PRETERNIA FELL?"
NEAT-O QUESTION, MAXIE! LET'S FIND OUT!
DUNCAN'S SUPER-SECRET LAB
DAD, CAN I USE THIS BATTLE STAFF?
SURE, TEELA. JUST GO PRACTICE OUTSIDE.
THANKS, DAD!
NO! NOT THE WHITE SCREEN OF DEATH! DELETE! BACKSPACE! OPTION COMMAND! OH, HEY, YOU'RE BACK! AND THERE YOU HAVE IT! ANOTHER FAN QUESTION ANSWERED! ANOTHER MYSTERY RESOLVED! ONE MORE NIGHT OF SLEEP FOR FAN'S BOYS EVERYWHERE! COME BACK HERE NEXT TIME FOR MORE READER MAIL (AND THE HIDDEN LOCATION OF MY SHOE DEALER!)
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Where Collectors are King
UNTIL THEN, KEEP COLLECTING, TRUE HE-FANS AND SHE-RAVERS, AND WE'LL KEEP MAKIN' EM! (I LOVE MY JOB!)


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PART TWO:
THE TROUBLE WITH TIME TRAVEL

What troubled times these are! What horrors of horrors! The great and powerful Gorpo (AKA "The Unnamed One") has escaped from his interdimensional outerdimensional prison! Now he has returned to Eternia to once again claim the Power of the Universe for his own! But he needs more than just the Star Seed at Eternia's center; it is the Power Sword that is the key to unlocking the Star Seed's power. With this magical weapon of destiny in his hands the Unnamed One could be unstoppable. – Good thing Dare, He-Man and She-Ra are on hand! – and hey while we're on the subject, anyone want a sneak peek at an image of the super secret Unnamed One action figure! Just PM me at #Scrollostellsall.

-your pal!

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SURRENDER YOUR UNIVERSE! I AM THE MASTER NOW!
ORKO! GET US OUT OF HERE!
ALREADY ON IT!


TUNDARIA! AGAIN?
IT'S STILL SPELL PROTECTED. THIS WAS THE BEST OPTION.
HEY! WHAT HAPPENED TO...
OPTION FOR WHAT? WHO WAS THAT?! WHAT IS GOING ON?
THAT... IS A LONG STORY.



Sh'Gora, a character from the Filmation MOTU cartoon, appears below the Unnamed One in the second-to-last panel.


WHERE ARE THEY? I *MUST* HAVE THAT SWORD.
THEY ARE NOT REGISTERING ON MY MAGIK SCANS. I'LL NEED TO UPGRADE THIS.
FIND THEM! EVERYTHING DEPENDS ON LOCATING THAT SWORD. WITHOUT IT I HAVE A TREASURE WITH NO KEY!
SKELETEEN – RETURN TO *DROOM.*
PUT OUT A CALL FOR THE GREATEST HUNTERS AND CUTTHROATS IN THIS SECTOR. I WANT THAT SWORD FOUND!
DEMO-MAN, JITSU, CLEAR AWAY THIS RUBBLE.
I WANT WHAT THIS BROKEN FORTRESS WAS PROTECTING!
MY REVENGE IS ALMOST COMPLETE. SOON THE POWER WILL AGAIN BE MINE AND THE UNIVERSE WITH IT!



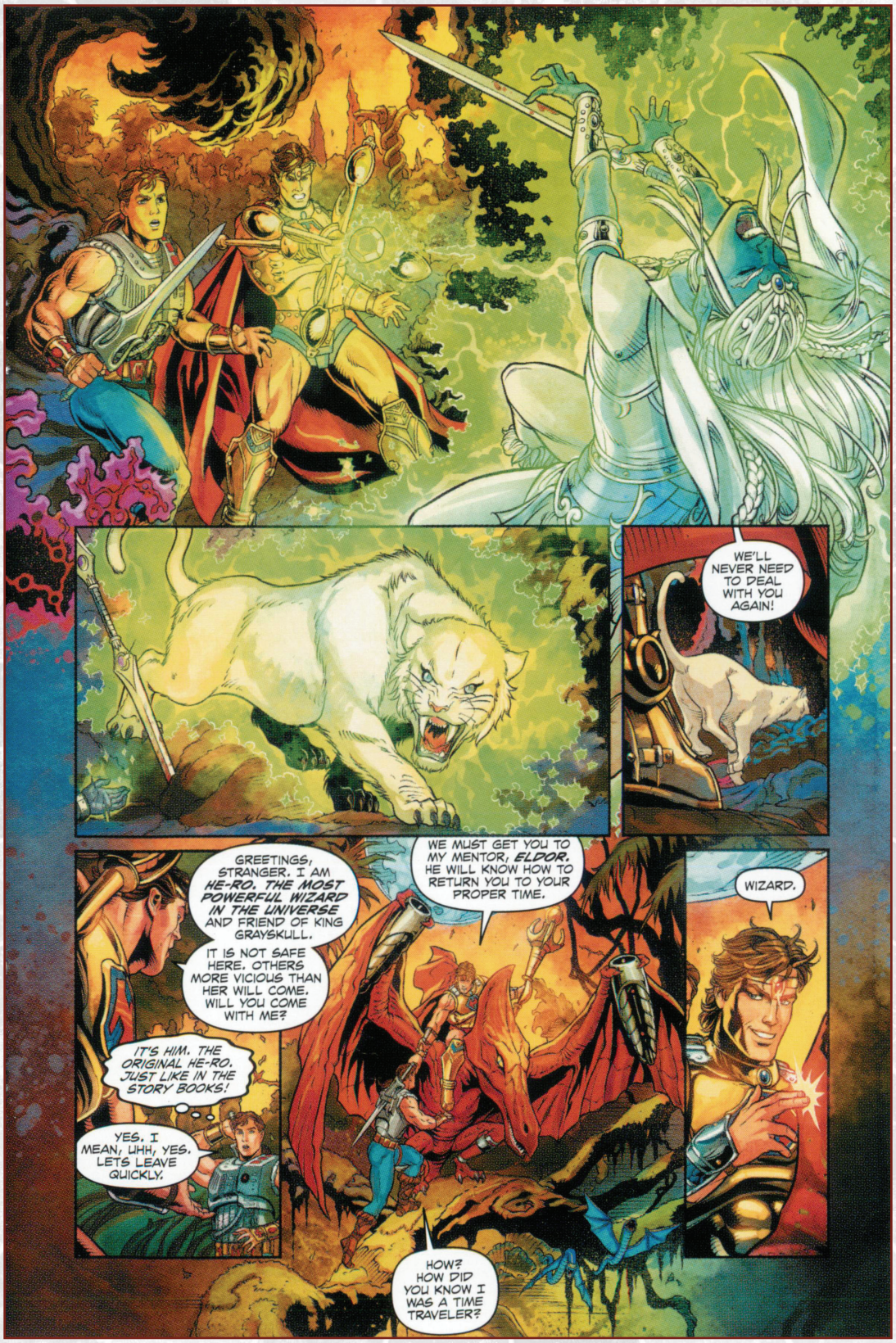
In the top left-hand corner of this page, two characters can be seen utilizing the Cliff Climber and the Tower Tools, two accessories that were released in the vintage MOTU toyline.


ELSEWHERE...
WELCOME BACK TO DROOM.
YOU LOOK WELL, MY CHILD.
HAVE THE CANDIDATES ARRIVED?
THE FLEET AWAITS. THOSE YOU DEEM WORTHY ARE READY TO JOIN YOUR ARMY.
REVENGE WILL BE MINE!


MEANWHILE.....
A TIME SPELL YOU SAY? I HAVE AN AGENT IN PRETERNIA ALREADY WAITING. THE FOOLS ARE WALKING INTO A TRAP. CONTACT HER IMMEDIATELY AND ARRANGE FOR AN INTERCEPTION.
AT ONCE MY MASTER.
NOW ONTO MORE PRESSING MATTERS. I HAD A WARLORD HERE ON ETERNIA WHO FAILED TO BRING ME THE STAR SEED. PERHAPS HE CAN BE OF SERVICE AGAIN... KING HSSSS RETURN!
MASSSSSTER I.....
YOU WERE DESTROYED. YOU FAILED ME HERE. WHAT WAS IT THAT LED TO YOUR DOWNFALL HSSSS?!
THE TABLET. THE TABLET OF SSSSSSSEFERATIONNN. MMMASSSSTER.
GOOD. I AM GLAD I RETURNED YOU TO THE WORLD OF THE LIVING, HSSSS...
IF ONLY FOR THE PLEASURE OF DESTROYING YOU MYSELF! THAT IS THE PRICE OF FAILURE!
NOOOOOO!!!



Illumina was originally supposed to debut in the 2002 MVCreations MOTU comics and even appeared in an ad for a future issue that was never published. She finally made her official debut in this comic.



After appearing on the cover of the first MOTUC mini-comic, the Turbodactyl is finally featured more prominently in this issue.



Lord Masque's mask can be seen on a shelf in the second panel, while the Coridite Crystal can be seen in the fifth panel.

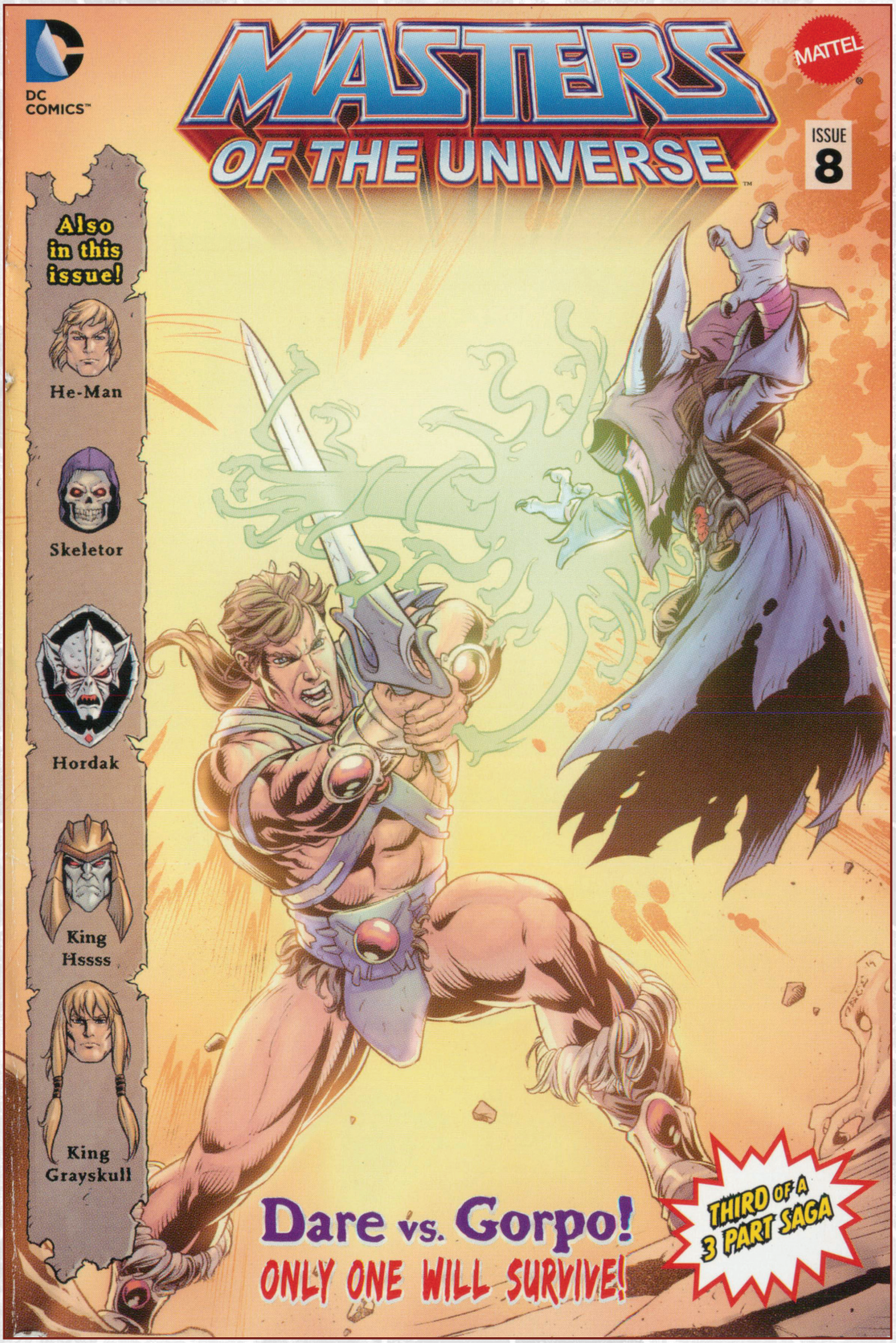


Ever Mean, Missile Toe, Odar, Saw Tooth, and Slob Boar were all featured in the series bible for the unproduced Filmation "He-Ro, Son Of He-Man" cartoon, but did not make an official appearance until this mini-comic. • Slob Boar was the grown-up name of Pigboy, a background character in the live-action 1987 Masters of the Universe movie. • Trap Jaw II, Mer-Man II, and Tung Lashor II were all new characters who made their debut in this comic.


THE UNIVERSE BELONGS TO ME!
THE THIRD ULTIMATE BATTLEGROUND AND DARE VS. GORPO! NUFF SAID!!


HI. I'M PUBLICALLY RECOGNIZABLE HE-MAN! SCROLLOS HAS BEEN LOCKED UP AFTER LEAKING THOSE PICTURES OF THE UNNAMED ONE'S ACTION FIGURE, SO I'M HERE TO TALK TO YOU, THE LOYAL READER, DIRECT THIS TIME!
A LOT OF READERS HAVE ASKED OVER THE YEARS, "HE-MAN, HOW EXACTLY DO YOUR POWERS WORK?". WELL NORMALLY THAT IS A CLOSELY GUARDED SECRET, BUT THIS BEING A COMIC BOOK BACK UP PAGE, WELL, WHY NOT TELL YOU ALL!
YOU SEE, THE POWER OF GRAYSKULL IS STORED INSIDE OF A GREAT ORB IN CASTLE GRAYSKULL.
WHEN I CALL UPON "THE POWER OF GRAYSKULL" MY SWORD HARMONIZES AND SYNCS WITH THE POWER OF THE ORB! THE ORB IS THE BATTERY, THE SWORD IS THE DEVICE, POWERED "WIRELESSLY" BY MAGIC (TO USE A TERM TODAY'S KIDS WOULD KNOW)!
ONCE THE SWORD HARMONIZES WITH THE POWER, I HAVE ACCESS TO GREAT STRENGTH, AS WELL AS LESS OFTEN USED POWERS LIKE SUPER BREATH, AND SUPER JUMPING!
AS LONG AS EVIL THREATENS ETERNIA, YOU CAN BET I'LL USE THE SWORD OF POWER AND THE GREAT ORB THAT POWERS IT TO DEFEND AGAINST ANY THREAT!


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PART THREE:
THE THIRD ULTIMATE BATTLEGROUND!

This is it! It all ends here. Everything that has ever been or ever will be comes down to one final battle. With Dare lost in time and the planet of Eternia destroyed, what hope lies with the heroic Masters of the Universe now? And just as things couldn't get any worse, Skeletor's long lost son Skeleteen has also returned seeking revenge and glory in his father's name. The heroes and villains are gathering, the fates are aligned. Settle down with some popcorn, your favorite sugary drink and prepare for the ultimate battle, the final score, one last mini comic before we wrap this whole thing up! Prepare yourself for the Third Ultimate Battleground!

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BETTER.
YOU ARE GETTING BETTER. IT WAS SLIGHTLY HARDER TO HIT YOU THIS TIME. BUT KNOWLEDGE IS ONLY HALF WAY THERE.
WHAT IS THE OTHER HALF?
MAGIC.


IT IS TIME, MASTER.
OH?
THE STUDY OF MAGIC AND THE GREAT MYSTERY IS NOT A TASK TO BE TREATED LIGHTLY. IT TAKES DISCIPLINE. IT TAKES DEDICATION-
I AM READY!
IT TAKES MEMORIZATION!
I NEED TO MEMORIZE THIS ENTIRE BOOK?!
THINK LIKE A WIZARD!

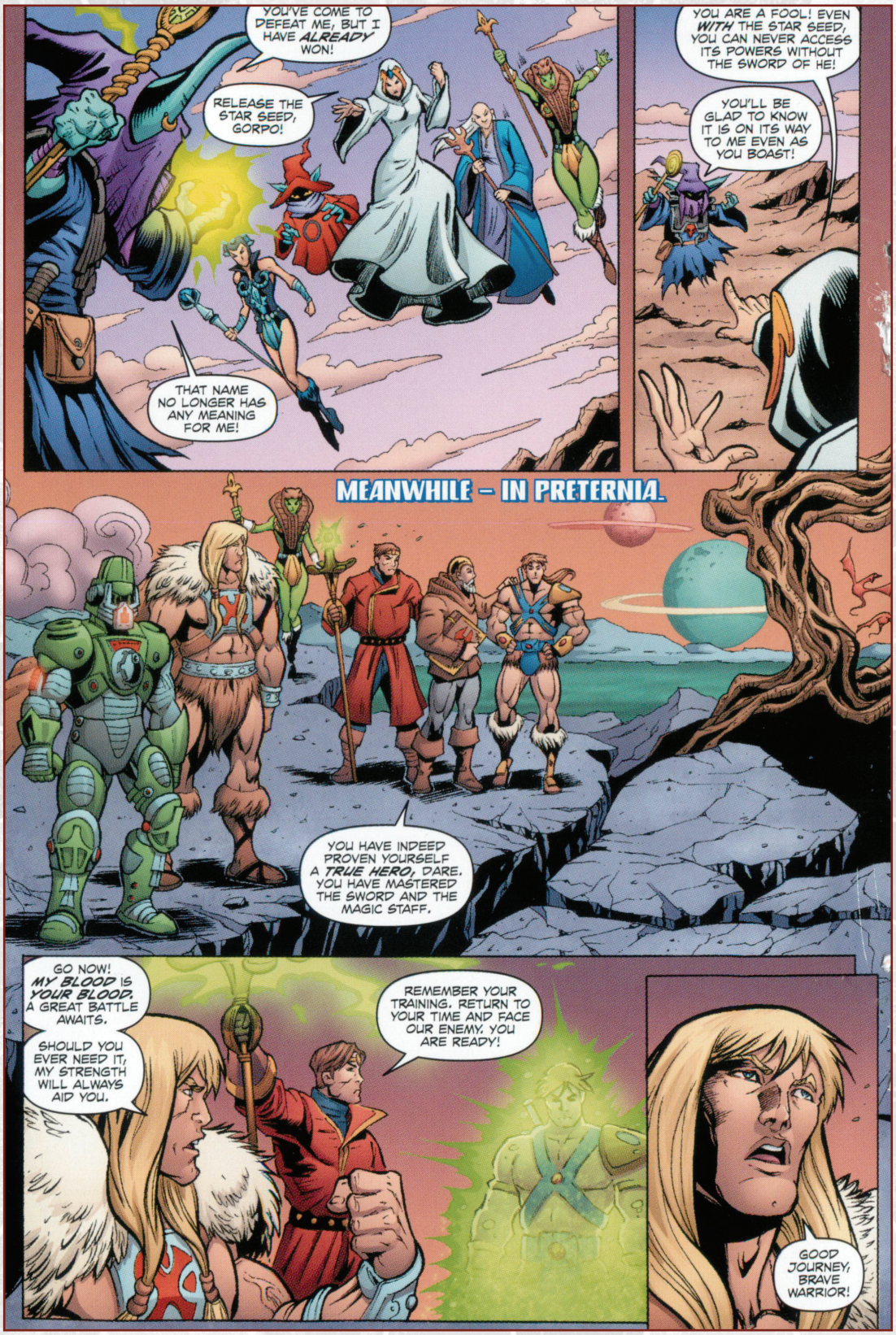


The sea creature in the first panel bears a strong resemblance to the monster on the cover of the vintage mini-comic "The Vengeance of Skeletor," which itself matched the description of Krakor from the German MOTU audio plays. • Although not called by name in this issue, the Snake Man archer was a new character named Quick Flick, while the woman he strikes is Sharella, who would later become the Goddess, her physiology transformed via a blood transfusion from Moss Man, as seen in the third panel above.


MEANWHILE, IN THE PRESENT:
IT IS NO USE. EVEN OUR COMBINED POWERS ARE HAVING LITTLE EFFECT!
MAY I BE OF ASSISTANCE?
YOUR POWERS ARE TOO WEAK. YOU AREN'T EVEN AFFECTING OUR SPELL!
THEN RESTORE ME! GIVE ME BACK MY POWERS AND I SWEAR I WILL DO ALL I CAN TO HELP!
FOR NOW...
SHE CAN'T BE TRUSTED!
WE HAVE NO CHOICE. ETERNIA NEEDS US ALL NOW.
IT IS STILL NOT ENOUGH!
PERHAPS I CAN HELP!



Tug O'War originally appeared as an unnamed character in the vintage mini-comic "Skeletor's Dragon." He never appeared again until this mini-comic.



While not referred to by name, the green, robotic-looking warrior in the third panel above was a new character named Bandwidth.


THE PRESENT:
IT'S OVER, GORPO!
YOU THINK YOU HAVE WON? YOU FOOL! YOU HAVE BROUGHT THE SWORD RIGHT TO ME!
NOT TODAY! DEFENDERS OF ETERNIA- STRIKE!
SO YOU LEARNED A LITTLE MAGIC WHILE YOU WERE AWAY? BEHOLD A TASTE OF MY POWER!
NOW IS THE TIME OF THE THIRD ULTIMATE BATTLE GROUND!



Dare is seen here riding his pet bird Craven, transformed into Battle Bird. • Even though the MOTUC toy version of Arrow was cream-colored, here he is blue like the vintage Arrow toy.



Among Skeleteen's warriors is Mo-Larr, making his only media appearance outside of the *Robot Chicken* comedy series.


THE SWORD! GIVE IT TO ME!
YOU WANT IT? COME AND GET IT.
YOU THINK YOU HAVE MASTERED THE MYSTERIES OF MAGIC.
BEHOLD! I CAST "VILLAINS CALL"!
TWO CAN PLAY AT THAT GAME!
I CAST "HEROES CALL!"




HOLD IT RIGHT THERE BETRAYER OF TROLLA!
I'VE WAITED A LONG TIME TO DESTROY YOU!
WELL YOU FORGOT MY SECRET WEAPON!
WHAT THE--? YOU CALL THAT A "SECRET WEAPON"?
NO. A "DISTRACTION."
NOOOOOO!


LET ALL THOSE WHO BATTLE RETURN TO WHERE THEY ARE NEEDED!
YOU MAY HAVE SAVED THE UNIVERSE, BUT IN THE NAME OF MY FATHER ETERNIA SHALL BE MINE!
WE SHALL MEET AGAIN, HE-RO!
THE BATTLE IS OVER.
THE STAR SEED MAY BE SAFE, BUT AS LONG AS THERE IS POWER AND MYSTERY ON PLANET ETERNIA THERE SHALL ALWAYS BE CONFLICT. THERE SHALL ALWAYS BE A BATTLE TO BECOME
MASTERS OF THE UNIVERSE!